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NATIONALISTS CAPTURE SUHSIEN

Battle Shifts Southward As Hsuchow Area Cleared

CABINET SHAKE-UP?

Nanking, November 25.

The official Central News Agency said today that Nationalist troops have recaptured Suhsien, key rail town 45 miles South of Hsuchow, and have cleared the Communists from a 20-mile arc to the South East.

The report said major fighting has now shifted Southward and a big battle is raging on a 30-mile front between Suhsien and Linpi, East of the Nanking-Hsuchow Railway.

It is not clear if the recapture of Suhsien had reopened railway traffic along the 200-mile section between Nanking and Hsuchow.

The report did not mention whether the Nationalists had recaptured the Communist-held tracks North of Suhsien.

Reports from Tientsin say that the Nationalist transport authorities today ordered the requisitioning of all vessels in Tientsin and Tangku, for the evacuation of troops and military supplies from the North Eastern Hopei port of Chinwangtao, which, together with the Great Hall pass of Shanhaikuan, have been isolated on land for some weeks.

Whether the latest development means the total abandonment of the well-known port is still not clear, but such a possibility is not unlikely, in view of the Government's present strategy of shortening its supply lines and withdrawing from remote centres which can only be retained by a virtual sacrifice of sizeable forces.

possesses extensive workshops to service its trains.

Communist sources today continued spreading the word among the KMA miners in the Tongshan area that sabotaging will not be tolerated and all equipment must remain in perfect order.

Meanwhile, small Communist bands are repeatedly appearing in the vicinity of Tongshan airfield during the dusk hours, but otherwise calm prevails along Tongshan's outskirts.

Nationalist aircraft, based in Peiping, today again bombed the Communist forces in East Hopei as the Nationalist cavalry continued sweeping operations against the Communist van-guard East of Tungchow, 30 kilometres East of Peiping.

Traffic on the Peiping-Kalgan railway was interrupted for the second day when an armoured train hit a mine near Nankow Pass, about 40 kilometres North of Peiping.

The organisation of a new stream-lined all-party Cabinet for the express purpose of prosecuting the total war against Chinese Communists is making rapid headway behind scenes in both Nanking and Peiping, informed Chinese sources in Shanghai revealed today.

While consultations in Nanking continue daily at President Chiang Kai-shek's residence, Mr. Tao Hsi-heng, Secretary-General of the Kuomintang's highest policy-making organ, the Central Political Committee, is said to be in Peiping, sounding out the opinions of leading personalities there.

He is reported to have already interviewed Dr. Hu Shih, eminent scholar, diplomat and President of the National Peking University, and Dr. Lu Chi-hwei, head of the American-endowed Yenching University.

For Supplies

It is understood that about 20 vessels are required and a major portion of the shipping space will be devoted to military supplies. The current requisitioning of bottoms is expected to last one week. This is the second time that shipping is being commandeered at Tientsin and Tanku within three weeks.

The previous time, vessels were used to evacuate Nationalists from the Manchurian port of Hulutao.

Chinwangtao's harbour works and breakwater were constructed by the Sino-British Kailan Mining Administration, whose engineers and investments have made it invaluable as a sea outlet. The KMA also owns and operates the power station in Chinwangtao and

Chief Aim

Sources said that China's projected war cabinet would have as its chief aim the strengthening of the administrative efficiency and would be composed, as far as possible, of the country's best brains, irrespective of party affiliations.

Administrative organs, not directly concerned with military operations, would be severely pruned or abolished altogether under the new set-up to ensure the highest possible efficiency.

The same sources revealed that the former premier, General Chang Chun, leader of the Kuomintang Liberal Political Science clique had definitely declined to take over the premiership, in order to be free to pursue his self-appointed mission of improving China's relations with foreign countries by personal visits abroad.

Meanwhile, with Premier Wong Wen-hao continuing to be absent from office, Mr. Chang Li-sheng, Vice-President of the Executive Yuan, is at present acting in his place.

China's new Cabinet line-up is expected to be announced after Mr. Tao Hsi-sheng has completed his mission in North China.—United Press and Reuter.

Chinese Reds In HK Being Watched

London, November 25.

The activities of Chinese Communists in Hong Kong were being closely watched, the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech-Jones, said in a Parliamentary reply.

Deportation proceedings were in train against several Communists who were trying to use Hong Kong as a base for activities against the Chinese Government, he said.

Asked by Sir Ronald Ross, Conservative, what the Government of Hong Kong was doing to check the entry of people from the mainland of China into Hong Kong, Mr. Creech-Jones said that he would answer that question if given notice of it.

When an opposition member warned the Government against being caught napping in Hong Kong, as it was over a similar situation in Malaya, Mr. Creech Jones retorted: "I do not accept the insinuation that we were caught napping in Malaya.

"I would completely repudiate that suggestion. So far as Hong Kong is concerned, the problem is very much before us and I do not wish to add to the difficulties by making a statement now".—Reuter.

Agreement Reached In U.S. East Coast Longshoremen's Strike

New York, November 25.

Negotiators today reached agreement to end the 16-day-old East Coast longshoremen's strike with a 13-cent hourly wage increase retroactive to August 21.

The agreement must be ratified by a vote of the 65,000 members of the International Longshoremen's Association and by the Shipowners' Association.

Mr. Cyrus Ching, Director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, who engineered the agreement during an all-night bargaining session, said he was very hopeful the men would be back to work by Monday.

Mr. Joseph P. Ryan, President of the ILA, refused to comment on whether his longshoremen would accept the plan but said a secret ballot would be taken as soon as possible.

The agreement also calls for a 19-1/2-cent hourly wage boost for week-end work, for improved vacation benefits and for an employees' welfare plan.

Meet Separately

Mr. Ching and his three aides met separately with union and shipowners' representatives in continuous sessions which began at 7 p.m. yesterday and ended with agreement at 3.35 a.m. today.

The strike, which has cut off all Marshall Plan aid to Europe and cost business and labour an estimated US$400,000,000, began 16 days ago when the rank and file membership rejected the contract negotiated by union officials calling for a 10 cents hourly wage increase.

It tied up some 400 ships in Atlantic coast ports from Portland, Maine, to Norfolk, Virginia.

The nation's foremost negotiator took charge of negotiations yesterday after the shipowners announced they would offer no new concessions to the longshoremen.

Mr. Ching submitted a plan to which the negotiators agreed. He said he used no threat of Government intervention in the strike but had nudged the union and shipowners to accept it.—United Press.

QUEEN ELIZABETH TO SAIL SOON

Southampton, November 25.

Cheering Queen Elizabeth passengers, who had been stranded aboard for eight luxurious days by the New York strike, heard today that the strike was over and they would sail on Sunday at 8 a.m. GMT.

The Cunard White Star Line put the following announcement on the purser's blackboard: "The strike in New York has been settled and it is expected the ship will sail at approximately 8 a.m. on Sunday."—United Press.

Firmness Urged In Holy Land

Paris, November 25.

Britain warned the United Nations today that peace negotiations in Palestine would never begin unless the General Assembly maintains firm control over the Holy Land situation.

The British Minister of State, Mr. Hector McNeil, appealed to the Political Committee to vote for a clear cut endorsement of the Bernadotte Plan as a basis for a final United Nations Holy Land settlement between Arabs and Jews.

Mr. McNeil accused the Jews of taking the position that the rump of Palestine is a cake from which they can take as many slices as the Arabs. He referred to the Israeli claim that Jews are entitled to the land they were awarded last year in the partition plan plus the Western Galilee territory wrested this year from the Arabs.

Mr. McNeil opposed the strong movement to avoid any United Nations action on a final Palestine settlement except to call on the Arabs and Jews to negotiate with the help of a United Nations conciliation commission.

He maintained if the Arabs did negotiate directly with Israel now it was clear in present circumstances the Arabs would be negotiating under duress. The Jews, he said, who have established military superiority in Palestine, would impose a settlement on the Arabs.—United Press.

King's Abdication Rumours Denied

London, November 24.

While reports began to circulate that King George VI would abdicate the throne in favour of his daughter Princess Elizabeth because of his ill-health, an unimpeachable source disclosed today that the monarch had no intention whatsoever of leaving the throne.

"There is no reason why the King should abdicate and it has not been and will not be contemplated," it was stated.

If the King's health worsened, there would be no need to consider that course, sources said.

Reports published in the Paris newspaper l'Aurore spoke of the possibility of action similar to that taken in Holland by Queen Wilhelmina, who abdicated in favour of her daughter Juliana.

This and similar speculation indicating that the King might find it convenient to give up his duties met with indignant denials in circles close to the Palace. These circles expressed complete surprise at the suggestions for which, they said, there was not the slightest foundation.

The King has far too high a sense of duty and has shown that throughout his career, they said.

Buerger's Disease?

In any cause, there is no warrant for such a course as the King is perfectly capable of carrying on his duties of state.

The Daily Mail published a long technical article in which it suggested that the King was suffering Buerger's Disease, or thrombo-angiitis obliterans, discovered in 1908 by Dr. Leo Buerger.

In Buerger's Disease, inflammation develops which affects the large arteries of one or both legs and the blood channels are gradually blocked so that nourishment does not reach the extremities.

Buerger's Disease, a form of gangrene, usually occurs in the large veins and arteries of the legs of men reaching middle age. King George is 53.

Some physicians attribute the disease to undue strain. A Buckingham Palace source pointed out that the King, never very robust, has been under a great strain ever since the abdication of his brother, then King Edward VIII, in 1936.

American physicians of wide repute, although they have only the bare Buckingham Palace statements available, express considerable doubt that the King has either Buerger's Disease or the allied Reynaud's Disease.

Sir John Weir, personal physician to the King, visited him today.—United Press.

U.S. Sees Red Coup In Austria

Vienna, November 25.

A high American military source charged yesterday Russian arrests of Austrian officials on trumped up charges of espionage are part of a drive to weaken the regime for a Communist coup.

This view, which is shared by other ranking U.S. military and diplomatic officials here, was expressed privately after the Soviet news agency Tass reported Dr. Margarethet Ottlinger had confessed she was American spy.

American Army Headquarters issued a statement denying that Dr. Ottlinger, section chief in the Ministry of Economic Planning, or any other Austrian official was working in the interests of the United States.

Dr. Ottlinger was arrested on November 5. Anton Marek, a police official, also was arrested in June and accused of organising a spy service. An Austrian official reported Russian authorities had informed Chancellor Leopold Fiel that Marek confessed. There has been no official word on Marek since his arrest.

The U.S. Army statement declared the arrest of Dr. Ottlinger illegal and said it was carried out in true Gestapo style. It attacked the Tass story as pure invention.

The Tass story said she confessed she had been ordered by Americans to get copies of Russian passports and passes and helped slip an American spy out of the Soviet zone.

The Austrian Government also branded the Tass statement as completely untrue.

An American official, who may not be named, expressed the belief the Russians are trying to frighten Austrian officials into being stooges and thus to weaken the regime so it could not withstand a coup such as the one in Czechoslovakia in February.—Associated Press.

The Weather

A large and still deepening depression is now off the SE coast of Sakhalin and moving NE. The intense and interposing Siberian anti-cyclone dominates China and is spreading S and Eastwards.

Today's Forecast—Fresh E or NE winds, strong in exposed places. Cloudy, early drizzle.

Yesterday's Weather:—

Maximum: 72.5 deg. Fah.
Minimum: 65.1 deg. Fah.
Sunshine: 2.1 hours.
Rainfall: 0.1 mm.=0.01 in. Total since Jan. 1—2462.6 mm.=96.99 ins. as against an average of 2105.7 mm.=82.90 ins.

Readings at	10 a.m.	4 p.m.
Baro. at m.s.l. Equals	1020.1 mb. 30.12 ins.	1016.9 mb. 30.03 inches.
Rel. Humidity	90	81 %
Dew Point	66	64 deg. F.
Wind Direction	E	ESE
Wind Force	22	15 knots.

Tides:—	Time	Ht.
High	0508	4.4
	1650	4.0
Low	1155	2.2

POLICE ARREST ROBBER SUSPECTS

A party of police under Detective Sub-Inspector A. Leslie raided a junk in the Yaumati Typhoon Shelter yesterday and took a number of persons into custody.

After questioning, 13 men were detained, suspected of being connected with the armed robbery of the Kwong Sang Goldsmith Shop.

It was also learned that a quantity of jewellery has been recovered.

U.S. Folly On China Crisis Criticised

New York, November 24.

The Saturday Evening Post editorial today said: "The apparent triumph of the Chinese Communists throughout Manchuria underscores the folly of many past attitudes of prominent Americans on the Chinese question."

It pointed out the Communist movements of India, Indonesia, and Malaya and the Hukbalahap uprising in the Philippines and added:

"Although these are separate developments they have the aspect of a highly-co-ordinated Muscovite enterprise closely geared to the bolshevisation of Northern Korea and the full-scale shooting war which the Kremlin has been sponsoring in China.

"It took the Java uprising to elicit from the State Department public recognition of the fact that the Communists are fairly strong in South East Asia. Presumably the threat to our supply of rubber and certain strategic materials explained this belated awareness."

The Post continued: "The American people were supposed to view this with alarm. But there was no official suggestion that the pressure of more than 1,000,000 handsomely armed Communists upon the recognised government of China was an even more serious threat.

Strategic Stake

"American public opinion has almost entirely ignored our strategic stake in China.

"The question of whether Chiang Kai-shek was a liberal or reactionary bulked larger with us than the effect upon this country if Stalin or his satellites should control China.

"Our part in the China drama has been unrealistic. We need not have fallen over ourselves to hand Stalin the key to Asia and perhaps to the world. Whether it is now too late to remedy our policy of too little will shortly appear."—United Press.

Pay Increase For Services

London, November 25.

Mr. A. V. Alexander, Minister for Defence, announced in the House of Commons increases in servicemen's pay and allowances, costing between £12,000,000 and £12,500,000 a year.

Marriage allowances for both officers and other ranks will be increased, the Minister said, and there will be higher basic pay for the trained soldiers.

The basic pay of officers, recruits and National Service men in their first year of service will remain unchanged.

The new rates of marriage allowance will not apply to National Service men, but they will be eligible for National Service grants.

In all, increases for married soldiers will range from 7/- to 21/6d a week, the Minister said.—Reuter.

N. China Arrivals Tell Of Life In Communist Areas

Foreigners are tolerated in Communist-held areas, but they must do productive work to get along, arrivals from North China cities near Red controlled areas told the "China Mail" yesterday.

By experience and from first-hand information, they declared that there is no danger to foreign lives in Red-occupied villages or towns—beyond the irritating inconvenience of being constantly watched and compelled to listen to Communist doctrines.

General treatment meted out to foreigners in Red areas depends on the individual controlling the forces holding the village, they stated.

"The Communists had been in and out of my station at Hanlu, about 60 miles North of Hankow, since February," a missionary said. When they first entered, the behaviour of the soldiers was intolerable. They rounded up merchants and exhorted money from them. Gradually, their behaviour improved apparently due to a changed policy designed to win the support of the population.

As soon as they take control, he said, the Reds begin a large-scale indoctrinating campaign, conducting public meetings and lectures.

"Certain people are given notices to be at some places at certain times to listen to the Red gospel, and attendance is compulsory," he said.

The missionary, who is taking his furlough earlier than planned one who arrived here with his family by train, said he understood that foreigners caught in Communist territories are being well-treated but that they have been told they must do productive work. Missionaries were labelled parasites.

Hankow Normal

"Conditions in Hankow are at present normal and there is no immediate urgency for mass evacuation of foreigners," another missionary told the "China Mail" representative.

But he felt that foreigners would be compelled to leave eventually.

Most of the first group of British evacuees from Hankow are due for home leave, he stated. Others have children in schools here and took the opportunity of leaving while travel conditions are still normal, the missionary declared.

The foreign communities in Hankow have been assured that there would be another opportunity of leaving when the situation becomes critical.

The women, especially, anticipate leaving China, most of them having had the bitter experience of fighting when the Japanese invaded China.

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Shanghai Evacuees Arrive In ss. Hai Fei With Entire Belongings

More than 300 passengers arrived here last night from Shanghai by the ss. Hai Fei bringing with them almost their entire belongings.

Strewn all over the deck and in the holds were huge trunks, cases and bags, with their owners sitting on top, awaiting conveyance to what would be to most of them a temporary sanctuary.

"I'm bringing my family down first," a lady with four children told the "China Mail." "My husband is joining me very soon."

Many said they have made arrangements with friends here to stay until the situation quietens down in Shanghai. There were some who said that they have yet to find suitable accommodation. They had made no contact here, they declared.

Interviewed by a "China Mail" representative aboard the ss. Hai Fei, the majority told the same tale about the food shortage and war scare.

"Even if you have plenty of money, you would not last very long if you have to keep on living at the present rate," a banker said. He is bringing his family of three for their first trip to the Colony.

"Where would I stay? Well, I'm trying to find a flat here, but for the time being I'm afraid I have to seek refuge in a moderate hotel," he said. He has been transferred to a local bank.

Among the 314 passengers, including 55 first-class fares, were some Shanghai well-to-dos, who are making their way to Canton, not only with their families, but also with their cars.

There are many who are leaving for the Kwangtung Province by plane and train today.

"Canton will be safe from the war," a well-informed source, who said he has wide connection with official circles, said.

"I have my business connections there, and will settle in South China until conditions improve up North," he declared.

He declined to comment on the war situation, saying that it would be committing himself too much to express his opinions to the Press on such matters. He had been in an official capacity for a short period at Nanking.

"I cannot say anything about the Communists," he declared. "But I suppose the wide-spread speculation regarding the possible treatment under the Reds more or less indicates what is in store for us should we come under their control."

It was pandemonium when the ss. Hai Fei arrived at her mooring, A5, last night. Launches and sampans clustered around her with hundreds of perching relatives and friends greeting those aboard.

Hoarse screamings among relatives and shouting coolies, clambering over on to the deck by means of ropes, increased the confusion. Here and there were women who cried when they recognised relatives they probably had never met before.

The China Merchants Navigation Steamship Company, owners of the ss. Hai Fei, told the "China Mail" representative that the passengers were mostly evacuees from China. A certain amount of secrecy regarding the passengers seemed to shroud the ship when the "China Mail" representative attempted to gather information.

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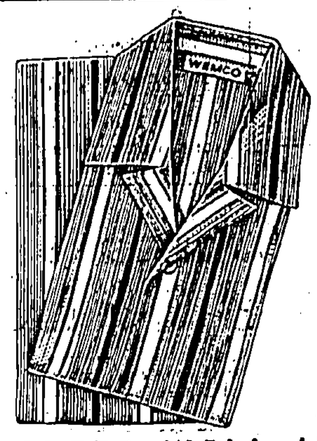

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BY ORDER,
C. P. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hotel Co. Has Case To Answer, Magistrate Says

When the prosecution closed its case against the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, at Central yesterday, Mr. Hin-shing Lo held that the Company had a case to answer and adjourned further hearing until 2.30 p.m. on December 3.

Mr. A. Hooton, assisted by Inspector J. Moore, prosecuted and Mr. H. G. Sheldon, KC, instructed by Mr. R. A. Wadeson, was for the defence.

William Thomas Lewis said he was an Executive Officer and Hotel Inspector attached to the Quartering Authority.

He went to the Hong Kong Hotel on September 1 to make enquiries into room rates charged, and saw Mr. Ehrlich in his office and gave him a pro forma form listing a number of rooms, including Room 509.

The rooms were marked P and T respectively, P being equivalent to permanent and T to transient. Mr. Ehrlich filled in the figures.

Witness said that he went there on the instructions of Mr. Eardley.

The next day, again on the instructions of Mr. Eardley he called on Mr. Ehrlich and requested him to fill up a second form, which listed some 40 rooms.

The request was that he, Mr. Ehrlich, complete the document by inserting the room rates and the names of the occupants.

Typhoon Intervened

Mr. Ehrlich took the document and asked him to call the next day, but a severe typhoon intervened and he was not able to keep the appointment.

The day following the typhoon, he again called on Mr. Ehrlich, but was informed by him that he had instructions not to supply the information. The instruction had come from the Managing Director.

The matter was then reported to Mr. Eardley who instructed Inspectors Moore and Woodhead to accompany him to the hotel.

The Inspectors waited outside while he went in and saw Mr. Ehrlich and informed him that he was instructed to come for the completed documents.

Have Copy Prepared

Mr. Ehrlich then left the office and returned later to inform him that there had been some difficulty between himself and the Managing Director regarding the first document.

The Inspectors were then called in and after explaining their mission, Mr. Ehrlich was told that he had no option but to hand over the documents.

Mr. Ehrlich then informed the Inspectors that he would have a copy prepared and signed before handing over to Mr. Lewis.

The document, according to witness, was on Mr. Ehrlich's desk.

As soon as Mr. Ehrlich had agreed to hand over the document, the Inspectors left.

Mr. Barry then entered the office and picking up the document, said he had spoken to the Colonial Secretary and the latter had agreed "to call Mr. Eardley's bloodhounds off," and mentioned that he was taking the responsibility in the matter.

Witness said that he could not say whether Mr. Barry knew he was an Hotel Inspector or not.

Mr. Ehrlich, who had followed Mr. Barry out of the office, returned a little later and told witness that it seemed that he has "shot his neck out again," to which witness replied that he, Mr. Ehrlich, was between the devil and the deep blue sea.

As he could do nothing further he returned to his office and reported the matter.

Mr. Sheldon submitted that his client had no case to answer.

He said the information provided was not false and in fact Dr. and Mrs. Davis were not permanent guests. It was for the prosecution to prove the falsity of the information.

Mr. Lo held that the defendants had a case to answer and adjourned further hearing to 2.30 p.m. on December 3.

Coolie Gaoled For Making False Report

Mo Fat-chi, aged 22, was a $60-a-month delivery coolie employed at the Tai Tung Dairy Farm, Diamond Hill, who was, at times, entrusted with the collection of his firm's accounts.

The handling of sums totalling $1,000 or more, plus his fondness for mah-jong schools and his common-law wife, led to his being charged before Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday with making a false report to the police.

According to the prosecution, Mo reported at 7 p.m. on November 21 that while he was walking along the road leading to the No. 8 Cemetery, three unidentified Chinese armed with daggers, came out from a path on the left side and robbed him of $703.30, and a felt hat valued at $2.

He further said that he was blindfolded by the footpads, who tore the front pocket of his jacket. The tear, being in the middle of the pocket, aroused the suspicions of the police who decided to detain Mo for further inquiries.

The report was circulated to all stations, said the prosecuting officer, and the police put to a lot of trouble, before accused confessed to the report being false and that the total amount he embezzled was $1,315.30.

The defendant was earning $60 a month, with full board and lodging. He was employed to deliver milk, but he also collected accounts for his employers. For a man paid so poorly as defendant to be asked to handle large sums was to put temptation in his way, said the prosecutor.

Defendant was sentenced to two months' hard labour.

STEALING OF ELECTRIC MOTOR

Cho Po, aged 34, unemployed, was charged before Mr. Hin-shing Lo Central yesterday with at HK$200. The machine was stolen from No. 231 Queen's Road East on November 24. Defendant, who and two previous convictions, was sentenced to six months. On an additional charge of returning to the Colony after having been expelled, a further year's imprisonment was imported the sentence to be consecutive.

ANOTHER COMET

Bloemfontein, November 24.

Another new comet—"1946-M"—has been spotted by the observatory at Mazelspoort, near Bloemfontein. The comet, which is not visible to the naked eye, was photographed by a senior member of the observatory staff at 1.00 a.m. today slightly to the East of the large Cloud of Magellan.—Reuter.

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Yu Han-Mou In Taiwan

Canton, November 25.

General Yu-Han-mou, Commander-in-Chief of Chinese ground forces, is leaving here by plane for Taiwan.

General Yu arrived in Canton with other Nanking army officials late last week in the course of a military tour of China.

It is reported that General Yu's opinion is that Kwangtung will make an ideal training base in this time of emergency.

It is further reported that a speedy high-efficiency course is to be applied to the training of nine new divisions which will be equipped with American arms.—Reuter.

Flying Boat In Trouble

San Francisco, November 25.

The huge four-engined flying boat Marshall Mars, carrying a distinguished group of Tokyo-bound scientists, developed engine trouble 600 miles at sea on Tuesday but returned safely to Alameda naval air station.

The scientists were en route to Tokyo, the army said, "to review progress of Japanese scientists in development of national scientific organisations." They included:

Dr. Betley W. Brink, atomic physicist and president elect of John Hopkins University; Dr Zay Jeffries, vice president of General Electric Corporation and general manager of its chemical department; Dr. Elvin C. Stakman, chief of the division of chemistry, University of Minnesota; Dr. Roger Adams, head of the University of Illinois chemistry department.

There were 21 persons aboard, including the scientists, when the Mars took off last night for Hawaii. About three hours later one of the engines failed and the ship headed back toward the mainland.—Associated Press.

Reminders

Today

Crown Land Sale, District Office, New Territories, Kowloon Magistracy, 11 a.m.

American International Assurance Co., Ltd., Annual General Meeting, 11 a.m.

HK Stage Club Presentation "Grand National Night" at China Fleet Club 9 p.m.

HKFA Emergency Sub-Committee Meeting at 5.15 at Prince's Building.

Annual Exhibition of HK Art Club, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 10 a.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

Ordinary Meeting, China Light and Power Co., Ltd., at St. George's Building, 11.30 a.m.

Bazaar and Sale of work at Kowloon Union Church 2.30 p.m.

HK Stage Club Presentation "Grand National Night" at China Fleet Club 9 p.m.

Annual Exhibition of HK Art Club, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 10 a.m.

Hearing In Tramway Case

The hearing of the Tramways Inspectors case was continued yesterday at Central.

The case concerns 14 Tramway Inspectors and a conductor on two counts of conspiracy.

Mr. A.J. Clifford, instructed by Mr. P. A. L. Vine prosecuted while Mr. M. A. da Silva appeared for 11 of the defendants and Mr. P. C. Woo for the other three.

Mr. Clifford in making an application for a number of dates to be fixed so as to end the case early, said that justice smells a good deal sweeter when it is fresh and it must be remembered that the Tramway Company are behaving with generosity in continuing to pay the defendants in full although they cannot be employed during the trial.

It means the Company is carrying on without replacements, which entails overwork for the remaining inspectors. In view of the benevolent attitude of the Tramway Company towards the defendants in continuing payment Mr. Clifford suggested a number of dates to be fixed for hearing at the earliest possible time.

Mr. Silva said that he agreed with Mr. Clifford and asked his worship to fix the earliest possible dates.

His worship then fixed January 10, 11, 13 and 14 at 10 a.m. and January 17 at 10.30 a.m.

The whole of yesterday's hearing was the searching cross examination of Cheng Sun, the prosecution chief witness, by Mr. Silva.

The case was adjourned to December 14.

FINED $20 FOR OBSTRUCTION

Mr. W. R. McCarcken was summoned before Mr. T. N. Chau and Mr. A. F. P. Silva Netto, sitting at the Justice of Peace Court at Central yesterday, for obstruction and was fined HK$20.

Inspector Saul said the obstruction was at Arbuthnot Road near the Police Married Quarters on October 4.

The summons against Henry S. Ellis was adjourned to December 11. Ellis, who lives at the Y.M.C.A., was summoned for dangerous driving at the Chater Road Pedestrian Crossing.

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Conviction In Peiho Theatre Fire May Bring Heavy Penalty

An indication that the prosecution intends to press for the maximum penalty, should defendants be convicted, was given by Mr. Charles Mottram, Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence (Kowloon), when the Peiho Theatre Case was called before Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday.

Fixed for hearing on November 29 and 30, the case was advanced to yesterday when Mr. Peter H. Sin, who represented both defendants at the first hearing, intimated that accused intended to plead guilty to the charges, and that the hearing would only occupy half an hour of the court's time.

Yesterday, Mr. Brook A Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. P. L. Lam, informed the court that he was representing Wong Sang-po, 38-year-old film developer of 103 Fuk Wah Street, first floor, and the second defendant in the case, and that Mr. Sin was defending Siu Wai-ying alias Bartholomew Vee Ing Shaw, aged 27, licencee of the Peiho Theatre.

Mr. Bernacchi said that he and Mr. Sin were prepared to plead guilty to the statutory offences but not to the public nuisance ones.

Mr. Mottram, refusing to accept the pleas, said that the charges had been in the hands of the defence for about six weeks, with hearing fixed for Monday and Tuesday, next. He was given to understand that a plea of guilty would be returned on all the charges.

The penalty under Common Law is heavier than that provided by the Ordinance, said Mr. Mottram, and his instructions were to take the whole case as it stood.

Referred To Central

Mr. Bernacchi suggested that the case be referred to the Central Court as neither Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr (Mr. Wicks' successor at the Kowloon Court) nor Mr. W. H. Latimer would be in a position to hear it. Mr. Blair-Kerr, in his capacity as Crown Counsel, had been advising the prosecution on the case, while Mr Latimer conducted the inquest on those who were killed in the fire.

Mr. Wicks said that he would leave the decision to his successor.

Siu Wai-ying is being charged, under Common Law, with causing a public nuisance by permitting the storage of inflammable materials (film cuttings) in the Peiho Theatre to the danger of the public attending performances in the theatre.

He is further, being charged, under Ordinance 22 of 1919, with (1) failing to take all precautions for the prevention of fire by permitting the storage of inflammable materials, and (2) with breach of the theatre regulations by using the building for the storage of films.

Wong San-po faces the charge, preferred under Common Law, of causing a public nuisance by causing film cuttings to be stored in the Peiho Theatre.

Both defendants are on bail of $10,000 each.

Yen Rate Next Year

Tokyo, November 25.

In the first official Government statement on a single yen exchange rate, the Vice-Minister of Commerce and Industry, Mr. Kobayashi, told the House of Representatives yesterday that Japan cannot expect a single rate before next autumn under present conditions.

Concerning the actual ratio of the yen to the American dollar at which the rate might be established, he said that the Government would like to fix the rate at a level under which about 65 per cent of export products would not suffer unfavourably.

The International Foreign Trade Charter prohibits export subsidies, and the Government is not contemplating such a measure, he said.

He pointed out that the general average of import exchange rates, at present, is around 220 yen and said that if the rate is fixed at 300 yen, as many circles suggest, there will be a difference of 80 yen, and there will consequently be a steep rise in domestic prices.

Mr. Kotaro Nagai, Director of the Foreign Trade Board, said that the rate should be established when wages and prices have been stabilised to the point where they would not be unfavourably affected by such a move.

Under present conditions, he declared, at the rate of 270 to one, 24 per cent of export industries will be able to make ends meet, at 300 about 40 per cent and at 350 to one about 60 per cent.

Mr. Nagai stressed that Japan had been isolated from international economic movements for a long time, and her problem must be treated differently from those of Germany and Italy.—Reuter.

Burial Place Of Dinosauri

Moscow, November 25.

Soviet scientists returned from Mongolia today with a report of a mammoth cemetery in the South West Gobi desert, containing the remains of countless dinosauri and other prehistoric creatures.

Professor Yefremov, leader of the expedition, said the burial ground was situated on the site of an ancient river when dinosauri sported ages ago. Geological changes buried the giant beasts beneath layers of soil 50 to 125 feet deep.

The expedition reported that it disinterred a horned dinosaur 35 feet long. There are only five other such specimens in the world. Another dinosaur, nearly 100 feet long and which walked on its hind legs, was also brought to the surface.

A number of other giant skeletons, some weighing up to 70 tons, was brought back by the expedition.—United Press.

Ghouls Get Sentences

Namur, November 24.

Seven Belgian civilians were sentenced today to terms of imprisonment ranging from 20 days to five months for pillaging the graves of United States war dead at Fosse, just outside Namur.

Another nine were found not guilty and released. The prosecution said the incidents took place in July and August this year when the accused were employed by the American War Graves Registration Command in preparing the bodies for repatriation or transfer to permanent American military cemeteries in Europe.

Objects removed from the bodies included gold teeth, fountain pens, watches and medals.—Reuter.

Grenades For Cloak-Room

Kuala Lumpur, November 25.

Guests of the Selangor Club, leading social centre of the capital of the Federation of Malaya, henceforth must leave their hand grenades outside.

Many of the planters and businessmen who make up the Selangor Club's membership have regularly carried arms since Communist-led insurgency broke out in Malaya last June.

Because there have been cases of careless handling of weapons inside the club, the by-law on weapons has been amended. Hand grenades or other explosive weapons may not be taken into the premises.—Associated Press.

THE SMALLEST CAMERA EVER

Tokyo, November 25.

The first shipment of what is claimed to be the smallest photographic camera ever made in the world is to leave Japan for the United States by plane on Saturday.

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CHINA EVACUEES TO BE CLASSIFIED

The camps which have been built to accommodate foreign evacuees from different parts of China are not going to be "luxury camps".

This statement was made yesterday by Mr. L. H. C. Calthrop, Deputy Commissioner of Police, in the course of a Press Conference regarding evacuations from China.

Mr. Calthrop also intimated that all evacuees, on arrival in the Colony, would be classified into different categories.

He said that a total of 41 evacuees had arrived in the Colony, up to yesterday afternoon. Of this number, 16 arrived by plane from Nanking on November 22 and 23, all British women and children.

On November 24, there arrived by the last train from Canton, 25 men, women and children who had been evacuated from Hankow. Out of these 25 evacuees, 12 were American, the remainder being British.

Through the kindness of the Commodore, 20 evacuees had been accommodated at the China Fleet Club. They would, however, have to leave the China Fleet Club before the Fleet returns for Christmas about the middle of December.

In view of the small number of evacuees, it had not been considered worth while opening up the Chatham Road Camp.

When the Chatham Road Camp actually opened, all evacuees would be concentrated at that point.

All Classified

Mr. Calthrop said that all evacuees would, on arrival in the Colony, be classified into different categories. He said he was not in a position to disclose the different categories.

Questioned about visas, Mr. Calthrop said that all evacuees who had arrived up to date had been officially sponsored by their respective consuls.

In regard to stateless persons, Mr. Calthrop said that they would not be thrown into the street, but it was expected that they would move on as soon as possible.

He emphasised the fact that evacuees would be accommodated on certain conditions for a brief period and that they should not expect to be provided with permanent residences in the Colony.

Mr. Calthrop said that the Chatham Road Camp was only in the nature of a "staging camp" and everything was being done to accommodate the evacuees as cheaply as possible.

Some Leaving

He mentioned that several of the evacuees who had already arrived would be leaving the Colony by the ss. Carthage.

Mr. Calthrop declared most emphatically that the camps built to accommodate evacuees were not going to be "luxury camps."

The evacuees quartered in the China Fleet Club were being rationed by the Camp Commandant. When the Chatham Road Camp opened, rationing would be in the hands of the Social Welfare Officer.

Mr. Calthrop was not prepared to disclose the cost of maintaining and rationing the evacuees, as this was beyond his jurisdiction. He could not say how the cost would be borne.

Mr. Calthrop, replying to a question put to him, said that he could give no indication as to the number of evacuees expected to arrive in the Colony. If necessary, however, the Chatham Road Camp could be expanded.

Answering another question, Mr. Calthrop said that as he was only dealing with foreign evacuees, he could give no information as to what steps would be taken to deal with Chinese refugees.

Buildings For Workers Planned

A scheme, aimed at providing accommodation for approximately 2,000 factory workers and to relieve, to a certain extent, the present acute housing shortage, was approved by the Government yesterday.

The scheme was put forward by the Hong Kong Chinese Manufacturers Union through its representatives, Messrs. Shum Choy-wah, U Tat-chee, Robert Der, Tsui Kwai-leung, Leung Chik-fun and H. M. Siu.

It is understood that the Government will arrange for the selection of an appropriate site in Kowloon and that the exact nature of the buildings to be erected will be finally decided upon after the site selected has been approved.

The scheme was discussed at length yesterday by the six representatives of the Manufacturers Union with Mr. K. M. A. Barnett, Principal Assistant Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Mr. R. R. Todd, Secretary for Chinese Affairs, the Hon. Dr. J. P. Fehily, Chairman, Urban Council and Mr. V. Kenniff, Director of Public Works.

The plans which were put forward and which envisage the construction of five-storied buildings have, it is stated, been slightly modified and that in lieu of five-storied buildings, either one or two-storied buildings will be constructed.

The representatives of the Manufacturers Union are also said to have broached the subject of financial aid by the Government, but this question was deferred until after the site selected by the Government had been approved.

BUILDING IN HAPPY VALLEY

A new residencial district is in the process of creation in the Happy Valley area, where 22 three-storied houses are being built by the Hip On Land Investment Company, Limited.

Construction work on the premises, which will be located between Bowen Road and Happy Valley, has already started and it is hoped that the buildings will be ready for occupation in six months.

The area to be occupied by these 22 houses is estimated at 115,000 square feet. The buildings will be provided with all modern conveniences and garages.

The houses are priced at HK$200,000 each.

Defence Corps Orders

Orders by Colonel L.T. Ride, CBE, ED, Commandant, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps. Order No. 49/48 dated November 25, 1948.

"Q" Course: The course for H.Q.M.S. and C.Q.M.S. will be held on Tuesday, November 30, 1948 at 1745 hours in the lecture room at Corps H.Q.

N.R.A. Overseas Rifle and Revolver Postal Matches 1948: Practices for the matches will be held on Stonecutters Island Range for selected personnel commencing at 10 a.m. on Sunday, November 28, 1948. Launch leaves Queen's Pier 8 a.m. on Sunday November 28. Calls at Police Pier Kowloon 9.15 a.m. en route.

Church Parade—St. Andrew's Sunday: There will be a Church Parade for No. 2 (Scottish) Company at the Helena May Institute 1630 hours on Sunday, November 28, 1948. Dress: Mufti. A reception will be held for members, ex-members and their wives immediately after the service at HQ HKVDC Garden Road.

Part 2 Orders, Order No. 38/48.

Strength-Decrease: Pte. Hiscock, A.W., Stanley Platoon, w.e.f. November 18; 2198 Pte. Iyer, W.J., No. 4 Company, w.e.f. November 19; 2867 Cpl. Yeung, K.O., No. 4 Company, w.e.f. November 24. (Sgd.) B.G. PUGH, Major & Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

NOTICES

Christmas Cards: Corps Christmas Cards are available at 40 cents each on application to the Quartermaster, HKVDC.

Sergeants' Mess Meeting: A General Meeting of the Sergeants' Mess will be held at Volunteer Headquarters on Friday, December 3, 1948 at 6 p.m. The agenda has been circulated to all members. All members are requested to attend.

Grand Fete and Fair: A Fete and Fair organised by the Families Welfare Committee in aid of Service Families Welfare is being held in the ground of Flagstaff House opening at 2.30 p.m. on December 11, 1948. Apart from the Bazaar stalls there will be a great number of sideshows and special attractions for the children. Teas, eats and drinks will be available. The Buffs Band by kind permission of the Commanding Officer will play during the afternoon.

POLICE CONSTABLE IN NT TRAGEDY

At 2 a.m. yesterday morning, Police Constable 652 Tsang Sai of Lok Ma Chau Police Station, New Territories, was shot in the stomach and died shortly after.

The scene of the tragedy was just outside the police station. When officers in the station heard the shot and went out to investigate, they found Tsang lying on the ground with his revolver in his hand.

His last words were: "This is entirely my own affair."

He had only four months' service in the force and was 23 years of age.

Correspondence

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, and by no means necessarily agrees with them.

Rent Problems

Sir,—In view of the anticipated influx of refugees into Hong Kong from the North, it might well be considered opportune to direct public attention to the matter of rents charged on premises which do not come within the scope of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance 1947. That Ordinance, in Section 2 (K) lays down a definition of "Standard Rent" which is applicable to premises other than those excepted by Section 3 of the Ordinance, the broad effect of which by virtue of paragraph (a) of Section 3 is to take all buildings erected after the 16th August, 1945, out of the Ordinance. Section 6 of the Ordinance fixes permitted increases and adjustments of the "Standard Rent" and the effect, roughly, of this section is that an amount equivalent to 30% more than the pre-war rental may be collected on domestic (otherwise residential) premises which come within the application of the Ordinance.

Tenancy Tribunals sit every day and adjudicate on disputes relating to the rentals charged or demanded in respect to premises that come within the Ordinance. And while these Tribunals so labour, Landlords of premises which do not come within the application of the Ordinance are free to do as they please.

As a result of all this, there is now such a disparity between controlled rents and uncontrolled rents as to make the former an injustice to the owners of premises which come within the Ordinance and to render the latter a public scandal. Rent on a house, for example, on Prince Edward Road which before the December 25, 1941, was let for $200 a month may now be controlled at $280 a month. And within a stone's throw of the house in question a flat, comprising three or four exiguous cubby holes can (for the moment) be rented out for the modest sum of anything between twelve hundred and eighteen hundred dollars a month, because the flat in question forms part of one of the new gimcrack edifices sprouting up in Hong Kong and, particularly, Kowloon.

The tenant must of course, pay the rates in addition to this rent. The tenant may also, *if he wishes to become a tenant*, put down a deposit of from 12 to 18 months "rent in advance"—which of course, does not exempt him from paying monthly rent in advance during his tenancy.

Thus, to obtain a small apartment in practically any of the new blocks of flats in Hong Kong or Kowloon requires nothing more than the production of a sum of say $15,000 to $27,000 "deposit" and, say $1,200 to $1,500 rent a month payable in advance plus the rates whatever they may be. Incidentally, I hope that this "deposit" system will come up for review in the Courts one day. A landlord who has erected on the most economical principles a block of, say, 12 "flats" (save the word) collects from tenants in the form of "deposits" anything from 15 to 27 thousand dollars for each flat. To call this "security for payment of rents" is nonsense. The form of lease in vogue almost invariably provides for payment of the monthly rent in advance and in any case usually contains a clause permitting the termination of the lease by either side at 30 days notice. In effect what the landlord does is to collect money from tenants to cover the cost of construction. He then lets out the flats to the same tenants at an exorbitant rent and attempts to justify this by appealing to the high cost of construction—which he has not paid.

I am certainly in favour of free enterprise, but surely there are limits? Landlords enjoy all the security and the amenities of the community as a whole—the community as a whole pays for that security in the form of taxes, direct and indirect, as well as for all the other public services afforded to all alike. Why this particular class of landlord should be allowed shamelessly to exploit public difficulties in a community from which they receive public protection is not easy to understand.

Those who favour the abolition of all controls would do well to ponder over this "problem". The trouble in the case of control of rents is not "too much" but "not enough."

Yours faithfully,
"X".

Courageous Efforts Of Police Save 114 From Disaster

The courageous efforts of the Yaumati Police saved 114 persons from the disastrous fire which broke out at about 1.30 a.m. on October 10 at K.I.L. 39, Public Square Street, Kowloon.

Inspectors Hemsley and Collins, Sub-Inspectors Sykes and Dow and all police officers who helped to rescue these people were commended by the Court, when an inquiry into the death of seven persons who perished in the fire was held at Kowloon yesterday.

Mr. W.H. Latimer sat as coroner and DSI Skyes appeared for the police.

Mr. H. Capstick of Messrs. Deacons held a watching brief for Kadoorie Estates, the owners of the lot.

The fire started in one of the wooden huts built on the lot. The hut was occupied by a tea-house foki named Ho Fai-sheung, and his wife. Shortly before midnight on October 9, Ho returned home with his wife.

After Ho had got into bed, his wife Young Tsang began to abuse him and continued to nag him for more than an hour. To preserve his peace, Ho pulled his bed clothes over his head. That enraged his wife and she started to pound on the table, on which was a lighted kerosene lamp.

Papers Catch Fire

The next thing Ho knew was that the newspapers tacked loosely on the wall close to the table were on fire. The kerosene lamp had apparently been upset. He tried to put the fire out by tearing the papers from the wall but to no avail. When attempts to extinguish the flames with water also failed, he ran out into the street and raised the alarm.

Inspectors Hemsley and Collins, Sub-Inspectors Sykes and Dow, who happened to be at the main entrance of the Yaumati Police Station, saw the flames and at once rushed to the scene. They evacuated 114 persons from the area, before the fire drove them out. DSI Skyes was the last to leave, when burning rafters were falling all around him.

The fire was under control by 2 a.m. and completely put out by 3.35 a.m. by the Fire Brigade under the supervision of Divisional Officer V.C. Seymour.

The bodies of one man, two boys and two girls were later excavated from the ruins.

A woman, Wong Mui, and her baby, Ho Fong, were taken to Kowloon Hospital and subsequently died of extensive burns and shock.

Yeung Tsang disappeared after the disaster and despite untiring efforts of the police to locate her, she still cannot be found.

The Court found that Wong Mui and six others met their death in a fire caused by the upsetting of a kerosene lamp from a table in one of the huts which set fire to papers lopsely tacked on to the wall. The person who upset the lamp or caused it to be upset appears to have been Yeung Tsang who has absconded.

If Yeung Tsang's whereabouts can be ascertained, she should be questioned about the fire, and the matter should then submitted to the Attorney-General for such action as may be considered necessary at that time.

Governor Opens First Art Show

Too many people believed that Hong Kong residents were interested only in the dollar, the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, said yesterday.

Sir Alexander, who was accompanied by Lady Grantham, was opening the first annual exhibition of the Hong Kong Art Club. He said he hoped that in time it would develop into the Royal Academy of Hong Kong.

About 50 people attended the opening ceremony at which official guests were the Director of Education (Mr. T. Rowell) and the former acting director, Mr. M. G. O'Connor.

The club's chairman, Mr. W. G Wormal, said the club was founded before the war and revived six months ago. Facilities for members included a monthly exhibition of their work, sketching parties and the use of a studio three evenings a week. For the encouragement of art in schools, an exhibition of the work of children would be held at the end of the year.

At today's exhibition, 68 pictures were shown.

Light Orchestra's Xmas Concert

At the Hong Kong Hotel on Sunday, December 19. The H.K. Light Orchestra is presenting a Christmas Concert, at 9 p.m.

The programme will include the Overture Pique Dame-Suppe, arranged by Archibald Evans; Noel Coward selections from "Cavalcade" and "Bitter Sweet"; Frederic Norton's Chu Chin Chow, Debroy Somer's Savoy Medley; Stories of the Vienna Woods—Johann Strauss and Cavatina by J. Raff.

Three soloists and a choir singing Christmas Carols will also be included in the programme.

The Orchestra will be conducted by William Apps and led by Victor Orloff, the well-known local violinist.

A buffet and bar will be available during and after the interval.

LECTURE AT Y's MEN's CLUB

Dr. J. R. Rose was guest speaker at the weekly luncheon of the Y's Men's Club at the Hong Kong Hotel yesterday.

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Speaking on "Ten years in the life of a mission hospital in China," Dr. Rose gave an enlightening picture of the 10 years of working in the Methodist Hospital at Fatshan.

Dr. Rose is visiting the Colony in connection with raising the Methodist Mission Society (Fatshan) Hospital Fund. Contributors can communicate with Dr. Rose at the Sailors and Soldiers' Home, 22 Hennessey Road.

Mr. Albert Tsang, a new member of the International Club, was introduced to members yesterday.

Heroic Tale Of Rescue By HMS Cossack

HMS Cossack, which saved more than 1,200 Chinese troops trapped aboard the typhoon-grounded Chinese trooper, Lingyung, on October 30, in Masu Bay, off Formosa, arrived here yesterday from Shanghai with a dramatic story of her rescue.

By the bos'uns chair, about 1,270 troops, mostly teen-aged conscripts and a few civilian passengers, were taken ashore from the helpless vessel, which was en route to a military training school near Takao when she was driven ashore.

The British destroyer which was near Formosa answered the distress calls of the Lingyung, and Lieutenant-Commander W. Dennis, RN, First Lieutenant of HMS Cossack, with a party of men, rushed to the scene by land.

The only available large towing wire HMS Cossack possessed then was not strong enough to pull the Chinese craft off. For several hours after their arrival at the scene, the rescuers attempted to reach the grounded Lingyung by carley float and rubber dinghy. The rough waves, however, frustrated their efforts.

Braves Tide

Eventually, a lifeboat with a lead line attached to it was floated from the Chinese troopship and was taken ashore by Lieut-Commander Dennis, who braved the fierce tide and swam out for it. A carley float with the British commander aboard was dragged to the trooper where he found a Russian in command.

A bos'uns chair suspending from a block firmly held on the ship was rigged, and eight hours after their arrival, the rescue party landed the first Chinese soldier.

Another jackstay came into operation shortly afterwards, and the trapped men were easily brought ashore within a few hours, despite the mild panic among the soldiers, many of whom were said to have been non-swimmers.

HMS Cossack added another epic sea rescue to her history by this incident.

In December, 1946, she rescued the Tai Tung off Formosa. She towed to safety a 1,000-ton ex-Japanese tanker, similarly named Tai Tung, in 1947, in Hainan Bay.

A local naval spokesman told the "China Mail" that HMS Cossack did not bring any evacuees from Shanghai. She had only one passenger aboard.

Personalia

Arrivals from Shanghai by ss. Fengtien: Mr. C.W. Langley and Mr. F.R. Carr.

Arrivals from Macao by ss. Wusueh: Mrs. S.R. Watson, Mr. J.K. Ross, Major C.F. Sawyer and Captain Young.

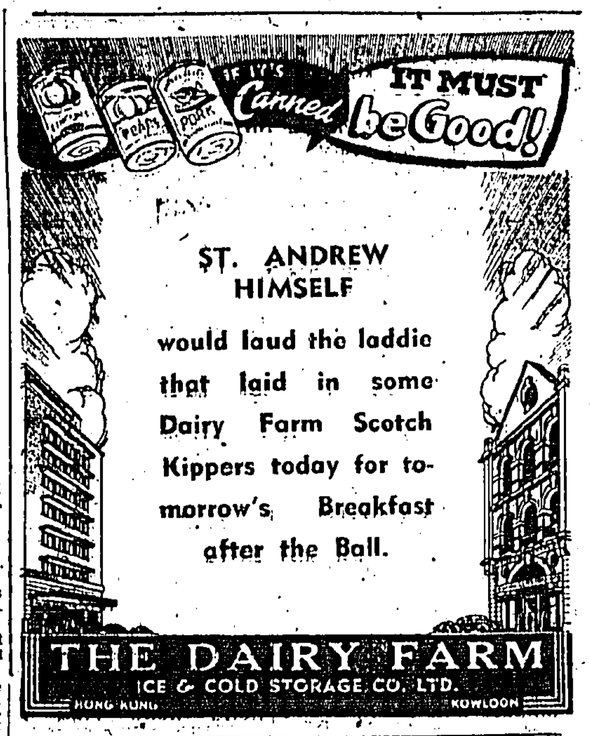
Departures for Macao by ss. Wusueh: Miss M. Rodrigues and Mr. M.P. Campos.

The following forthcoming weddings have been announced at the Registrar's Office.

Mr. Hans Ernest Waeny, merchant, of E. Ott & Co., and Miss Ada Mary Beatrice Morton, Arlington Hotel.

Mr. Reginald Fraser Malcomson, Chinese Maritime Customs, and Miss Joann Ann Gladys Franklin, A.T.S., 39 Macdonnell Road.

Mr. Oscar Birkett Payne, designer, 66 Kimberley Road, and Miss Lastenia Cheong, designer, 30 Haven Street, 2nd floor, Causeway Bay.



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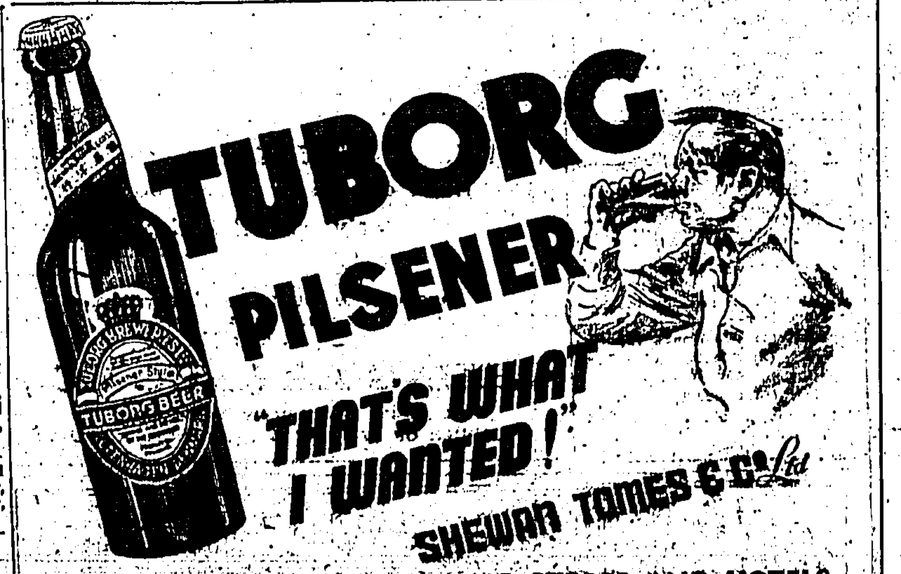

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"That the Company's Memorandum of Association be altered in accordance with the Companies (Reconstruction of Records) (Amendment) Ordinance, 1948, Section 25A, by the deletion of the words "The registered office of the Company will be situate at Victoria, Hong Kong," and the substitution therefor of "The registered office of the Company shall be situate within the Crown Colony of Hong Kong"."

By Order of the Board of Directors,

P. W. A. WOOD,
Secretary & Chief Accountant.

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W. F. SIMMONS
General Manager

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE

ANNUAL RACE MEETING 1949

The conditions of the "Foochow Cup" the sixth race of the 1st Day, Saturday, 15th January, 1949, have been altered to read as follows:—

"Foochow Cup" Winner $2,000. Second $1,000. Third $750. A Handicap for Australian Ponies of any previous season. Entrance $10. One and a half miles.

By Order
C. B. Brown,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, November 22, 1948.

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CHAS. G. SMITH.
Hon. Secretary.

Hong Kong, Nov. 25, 1948.

NOTICE

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J. JOLLY.
Director of Marine.

November 22, 1948.

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NOTICE

WAH YAN COLLEGE PAST STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

There will be a Reception for Past Students at Wah Yan College, Robinson Road, on Saturday November 27 at 7.30 p.m.

All Past Students of the College even those not in the Association will be welcome. Please phone 33450 before 1 p.m. on Saturday, November 27.

HONG KONG & KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting at St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon at 6.15 P.M. on Monday the 29th of November—

Agenda (1) President's report—
(2) Election of officers for 1949
(3) Other business.

All members are requested to be present.

MTB Master Fined On Harbour Infringements

The 50-year-old master of a former American MTB vessel was fined $2,500 on five counts of harbour infringements by Mr. D. G. Cairns at the Marine Court yesterday.

Earlier in the morning before being brought to the Marine Court, Chan Tai, master of the converted MTB, was fined $750 by Mr. Latimer at Kowloon Magistracy for possessing 20 bales of gunny bags, without a licence.

Chan Tai, who was also given the alternative of serving six months' hard labour on non-payment, was charged with failing to obtain a clearance when leaving a British port, failing to report his arrival, using an unlicensed vessel, being in charge of a vessel under way a master's certificate and being under way without a certificated engineer.

Sub-Inspector Nippard, prosecuting officer, told the Court, that the vessel Shun Foong, a converted American MTB, powered with three engines using aviation petrol and capable of doing 25 knots, entered Hong Kong on August 16 from Macao. The master applied for a clearance on November 3 for the Portuguese colony. At that time, defendant was warned that his craft would not be allowed to enter British waters and an endorsement was made on his clearance.

Searched By Police

The my. Shun Foong departed, presumably for Macao, on November 3, but later it was discovered that she had gone to Cheung Chau where she was searched by police, who were told that the engine had broken down, forcing the vessel to visit the island.

The arrival of the Shun Foong, however, was not reported to the Marine Office at Cheung Chau, and when she left on the same day no notice was given. Sub-Inspector Nippard stated he understood the boat had remained there for the whole period.

Police Launch No. 4, with Sub-Inspector Blackhurst and Sub-Inspector Brawn on board, while patrolling the vicinity, met the defendant, who was searched. This subsequently led to the charges.

It was found that the vessel had a Chinese licence but was not registered here. Aboard the craft were 20 bales of gunny bags, which were not declared.

Chan Tai, who pleaded guilty, said that he would retire from the sea and return to his native village to do business and be a landlubber.

He pleaded for leniency.

Mr. Cairns, remarking that he was taking a serious view of the matter, imposed a fine of $500 on each count or six months' hard labour on each, running concurrently.

N. China Arrivals Tell Of Life In Communist Areas

(Continued from Page 1)

"I understand that most of the men who escorted their families down here are returning to look after their interests, as soon their wives have settled down here," the informant said.

Food is the main cause for hundreds of people, Chinese and foreigners alike, to flee from cities threatened by the Communists, he said. Farmers are very reluctant to bring foodstuffs, especially rice, to the cities because of the unstable gold yuan. General hoarding by the wealthy has worsened the acute food shortage, he said.

"Still, one can get enough food to live if one has money to burn.

"Everything is going on normally and quiet, at Changsha" a business man who is bringing his ailing wife home by the RMS Carthage today, said. "In fact from what I've noticed, there is more stir in Hong Kong regarding evacuation of foreigners from North China as in the North itself."

Most of the foreign properties in Changsha were destroyed after several exchanges of control between the Nationalists and Japanese during the war, he said. Very little had been re-built.

Food Not Scarce

Food, although very expensive is not so scarce up there, he said and there is no sign of unrest or panic among the population.

A lady from Tsingtao told the "China Mail" that she had first-hand information that missionaries at Tsinan, now in Red hands, are being treated very well. They have the Chiloo University as their premises and, according to information the Christians are given facilities to go on with their work. They are given enough food, she stated.

"Three years ago, the Reds were hostile against the missionaries," she said. Apparently there is an attempt to win the heart of the population, as present day indications reveal.

The Chinese masses at Tsingtao are despondent and fearful of Red control as they are uncertain of their fate she declared. Most of the business men and bankers have left the city, and commerce has slackened considerably lately the informant said.

There are many empty foreign premises, most of them occupied by Chinese servants or friends, the lady, who is leaving today by the RMS Charthage said.

"Ten days before I left Tsingtao two Presbyterian missionaries, Dr. Kirk West and Dr. Gordon Mahy, procured permission from the Red Fifth Columnists at Tsingtao to motor to Weihsien and Tsinan to investigate into the circumstances of the missionaries there," she said.

"When I left there was no news about them," she declared.

Fifth Column Work

The Red Fifth Column works at Tsingtao quietly, and during her three-year stay there, there had been no rioting or internal skirmishes between the Government and the Fifth Columnists, the informant said.

"At Shanghai, conditions are very bad," she said. She stated that when she was there last week-end, Shanghai was experiencing three major strikes, affecting Post Office employees, Butterfield and Swire labourers, and taxi drivers.

Many of the evacuees are leaving by the Carthage today for their leave.

Should conditions in China improve they will return to their posts after completing their holiday, the majority told the "China Mail."

They expressed the opinion that there is no panic among the foreign communities in the respective North China cities, and the departure of foreigners is going on smoothly. The Chinese authorities afford all possible assistance and there are less restrictions now, they said.

CARNIVAL By Dick Turner

"Better rap me out a couple more campaign promises or so—you know, something fantastic with an air of truth."

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay
The Authority on Authorities

NOT WELL UNDERSTOOD

PRACTICALLY everybody who has played the game a while knows the working principle of the throw-in play whereby an opponent is obliged to lead up to a tenace such as an ace-queen or a guarded single honour such as a protected king. The other basic type of lead-throwing end-play is not so well understood except among quite good card-men. It requires no tenace-position honours at all. It occurs when an opponent is obliged to lead, against a suit contract, a card of some suit in which both the declarer and dummy are blank, each of those hands containing at least one trump. On the lead, a losing card of some other suit gets discarded while the opposite hand trumps.

	S K Q J 9 3 2 H A 3 D 2 C A 10 8 7	
S 7 5 H K 9 7 2 D Q 10 9 8 7 3 C K Q	N W E S	S 4 H Q J 10 8 6 D J 6 5 C J 9 4 3
	S A 10 8 6 H 5 4 D A K 9 4 C 6 5 2	

North	East	South	West
1 S	Pass	3 S	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 H	Pass
5 NT	Pass	6 D	Pass
6 S			

(Dealer: North. Neither side vulnerable).

North would have been tempted to try 7-Spades if South had shown more than one king in response to the Blackwood 5-No Trumps. But, learning that two kings were out against him, he decided that making small slam would probably be tough enough. He was right.

He won the heart Q with the A, then planned to eliminate all red cards from both of his holdings. His idea was that he then would throw one defender into the lead with a club and hope that the winner of that trick would have nothing left but red cards. The order of tricks, after the heart A, brought the Diamond 2 to the A, diamond K for discard of the heart 3, heart 5 ruffed by a high spade, spade 3 to the A, diamond 4 ruffed high, spade 9 to the 10, diamond 9 ruffed high to take out the last of his red cards, then the club A.

When he then led the club 8, his hope was that the winner of that could not return another club, but would have to lead a red card. He picked the heart K. North ruffed that in his own hand while discarding the dummy's last club, the 6. The spade 8 and 6 then accounted for the last two tricks.

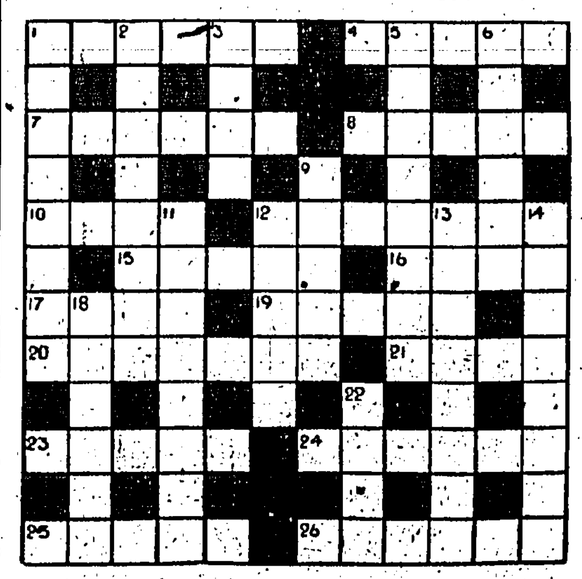
Tomorrow's Problem

	S K J 7 3 H 9 D K J 10 3 C Q 10 8 5	
S 6 5 2 H J 8 7 6 2 D A C A 9 6 4	N W E S	S 10 4 H A 10 3 D 9 7 5 4 C K 7 3 2
	S A Q 9 8 H K Q 5 4 D Q 8 6 2 C J	

(Dealer: South. Neither side vulnerable).

If South bids 1-Spade, West 2-Hearts, North 2-Spades, East 3-Hearts, South doubles and North 3-Spades, what is the soundest defence?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Clues: Across

1 Changed course.
4 Uttered.
7 Brood.
8 Wait.
10 Pack tightly.
12 Displays.
15 Fire-raising.
16 Relate.
17 Tardy.
19 Make merry.
20 Built.
21 Percolate.
23 Prepared.
24 Royal dwelling.
25 Apply the mind to.
26 Holiday.

Clues Down

1 Changeable.
2 Assess.
3 Uniform.
5 Conciliates.
6 Core.
9 Lost strength.
11 Went before.
12 Minute openings.
13 Representative.
14 House shoes.
18 Zealous.
22 Wan.

Yesterday's Crossword

ACROSS:—3 Declared, 8 United, 9 Bisected, 11 Imitates, 12 Disc, 13 Defer, 18 Dares, 19 Ebon, 22 Lamented, 24 Consoled, 25 Revoke, 26 Extremes.

DOWN:—1 Music, 2 Civil, 3 Debated, 4 Edit, 5 Less, 6 Retail, 7 Deduct, 10 Sever, 14 Fatal, 15 Recedes, 16 Rescue, 17 Cornet, 20 Sloop, 21 Idler, 22 Lore, 23 Mere.

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CINEMA WORLD

Film Features Music Of Schumann, Brahms

The practice of using the lives of the great as the basis, usually it is no more than a basis, of a film is quite common. Now Hollywood has had a lavish fit and given us a story about not just one great person but three, all in the one wrapper—"Song of Love."

The great ones are Robert Schumann (Paul Henreid), his wife Clara (Katherine Hepburn) and Johannes Brahms (Robert Walker). Franz Liszt is present too, but not to any great extent. They are all good in their parts though, not unnaturally, Katherine Hepburn outshines her partners without much trouble

As the story goes the famous teacher, Professor Wieck (Leo Carroll) is outraged professionally and financially when his brilliant young pianiste-daughter, Clara, gives up her concert career to marry Wieck's talented but shabby and unsuccessful pupil, Robert Schumann.

In spite of the opposition the two are married and proceed to have a family of seven in a very short time, speaking cinematographically. Into this cluttered, noisy household comes 20-year-old Johannes Brahms, humbly seeking the coaching of Schumann, whom he considers the finest composer of their time.

Brahms taken over much of the responsibility of the household, helping the servant, venerating Schumann and falling hopelessly in love with Clara. She is much too worried to notice this, as Schumann becomes progressively more depressed over his lack of recognition.

This does not come until the help of Liszt works the oracle. The famous virtuoso and showman eventually plays Schumann's "Dedication" at a recital and wins for Seuhmann the invitation to conduct his opera-music at Leipzig's Gewandhaus.

Brahms, in the meantime has left the Schumann menage, unable to stand the stresses of controlling his love for Clara while living in the same house. Thus Clara is left alone to face the shock when Schumann's mind finally gives way to the pressures which have been affecting it through the long years of unrewarded labour.

The derangement takes the form of a horrible dissonance with an inescapable, brassy "A" note, heard only in his diseased brain, destroying the harmony of music completely. This illusion comes upon him suddenly when he is conducting at the Gewandhaus. He lets his baton fall to his side and is quietly led off by his wife.

Whatever one may think of the acting or the story in "Song Of Love" one cannot fail to be pleased by the music, of which there is a generous helping. Schumann and Brahms were naturally the composers most used by the film's music planners, but Liszt creeps in with his "Mephisto Waltz" and Strauss with the "Treasure Waltz." "Song Of Love" is showing at the Queen's today. (M-G-M)

"Song of Love," has Katharine Hepburn, Paul Henreid and Robert Walker as its trio of stars, with Clarence Brown of "The Yearling" fame, as its producer-director. The picture unfolds the love story of Robert and Clara Schumann, with Walker cast as Johannes Brahms.

CAGNEY FIGHTS THE RACKETS

James Cagney has always been fairly successful in the part of tough slum child grown up to be a tough but honest citizen determined to fight for his rights, and for right.

He does it all over again in "Each Dawn I Die." He is a newspaperman spending his entire time fighting the rackets as a personal as well as public battle.

As crusaders do, he gets somewhat in the hair of some of the higher-bracket spivs. These gentlemen arrange for him to be "framed" very efficiently and our hero finds himself a long-term inmate of the notorious Rocky Point Penitentiary.

In there he teams up with gangster George Raft. This is where the story starts running in a well-worn groove of improbability. George is obviously a very bad lad indeed but it is equally obvious that before the film ends he is going to redeem himself, probably by saving our hero's life.

Sure enough, that is what happens in the end. It can hardly be called giving away secrets to let it out here.

However, before the mighty climax arrives, a little creaky in the joints but still fairly hale, there is a large quantity of drama to make life in the penitentiary interesting. Almost everybody manages to overact impressively throughout. As most of the characters are villains of one sort or another this tends to make the picture a little like the "Feast of Frankenstein" as it might be performed by the Parish Players or someone like that.

Brutality is becoming a regular dish in the filmic menu these days, and it is served liberally in this show. If you like that and do not mind the ham cut thickly, this is your dish. It is coming to the Queen's next week.

LINDA DARNELL IS TAKING NO CHANCES

By LEROY MARCH

A very smart girl, Linda Darnell. She's saying No!, No!, and No! to all requests that she pose for pictures with her newly—adopted baby. Linda probably has in mind the memory that Joan Crawford is said to have lost one of her adopted youngsters just because of such picture-taking; a distant relative of the child saw the picture, went to court and made claim for the baby, and finally succeeded in taking it away from Joan.

Ann Sheridan has one of those new short bobs, one of the kind inspired by the hair-do created by Max Factor hairstylist Fred Fredericks for Ingrid Bergman's portrayal of Joan of Lorraine, and word gets around that she's not too happy about having it lopped off in this fashion. Story is that she's finding that she now can't do anywhere near the number of fancy things she likes to do with her tresses.

Talk is that M-G-M is on the verge of giving Margaret O'Brien permission to star in "Peter Pan" in a New York stage production. If this is true, it represents a reversal of the studio's past attitude toward allowing this talented youngster to be farmed out for Broadway plays. It wasn't so long ago that they firmly thumbsdowned a big time offer for her to do "Alice in Wonderland" in Gotham.

Fred Astaire admits that he's not retiring from professional life in the near future, and probably never will until the day he can't dance another step. His retirement a couple of years ago promptly bored him, and he won't try it again. He'll rest after "Barkleys of Broadway," then do a picture with Judy Garland, and then one with Bing Crosby.

HOLLYWOOD HEARSAY

The Bros. Marx and producer Cowen are feuding about some scenes in "Love Happy." The Bros. will probably win. They have Cowen outnumbered three-to-one....Elizabeth Scott's sister Justine in town for screen testing...Wallace Beery and Marjorie Main being teamed again in "The Big Harp."....Ann Sheridan and the Bros. Warner have definitely called it quits. Ann now freelancing...Ladies who really want to see spectacular fashions should see Joan Crawford in "Flamingo Road"...Charles Bickford turned down that offered role in "She Wore a Yellow Ribbon"...Make a little bet that Lois Andrews will soon wed a wealthy Eastern dress manufacturer.

THE JAPANESE FILM INDUSTRY

Japan, until her collapse, was one of the greatest film-producing countries in the world. As many as 2,400 films of all kinds were at the disposal of her 2,000 cinemas in 1944.

A considerable part of the normal annual production of 650 features consisted of so-called "Classics"—films based on ancient legends and traditions and made in order to imbue the masses with that disastrous spirit of nationalism and self-glorification.

The influence of such films has been enormous. But since the end of the war things have changed radically. For the 1,000-odd cinemas now operating, a supply of roughly 200-300 films is available. Besides, a list of 500 carefully selected from the production of the war years has been compiled for re-issue.

Foreign films, mainly American "musicals", are now playing a considerable part in their programmes. Both distribution and production have been placed under strict Allied supervision.

Main producing companies are the Shochiku, with studios at Ofuna, the Toho with studios at Kinumaturh, and the Nikkatsu studios at Tamagawa.

Current production is very small—30 films last year and a few more this year. But even more noteworthy than the change in number of the films being produced is the change in the type of story being used.

This, of course, has been influenced to a very large extent by the Occupation. It has cut out all the propaganda-style productions and has caused a concentration by most studios on European-style cinema in European dress.

Whether the general public is pleased by the present trend or not is a question which will not be answered until after the end of the Occupation. In the meantime there is not a projector in the whole of Japan which is not working at fever heat, nor a cinema which is not crammed to the doors, to the prejudice of safety and hygiene, for about five or six performances daily. Nothing of value can be deduced from this as the Japanese have been chronic "cinemaniacs" for decades.

One valuable contribution the present Westernisation of the film in Japan may make is the sowing of the seed of a social conscience in the Japanese. The ground is barren, but so would the soil of Japan be were it not for the vast quantities of fertiliser used. Possibly the films may supply that as well.

In any event, the sociological drama is becoming more and more common on the Japanese screen. One of the most recent and most revolutionary of these is a film called "Purification By Faith" produced by the Ohizumi Studios, an off-shoot of Toho.

"Purification" tells the story of a street girl who, through the intervention of a converted boy friend, mends her ways at the instigation of the Roman Catholic Church. This is probably the first time that Christianity has played a major part in a Japanese commercial film.

For the most part, the action of "Purification" takes place in the cellar of a badly-bombed building near Terakuchо, one of Tokyo's busiest railway stations, and in a small church nearby which does not, in fact, exist in that locality. The time is immediately after the war's end.

The Ohizumi Studios came into being last December and are among several small enterprises which have sprung up in the last year as satellites of the large companies. Their production list to date is fairly typical of most Japanese studios since the war.

As well as "Purification By Faith" (their most ambitious effort) they have produced "Badger Man", a musical comedy, "Men Of Talk", a drama, "Our Town Is Green" and "It Happened One Night", both comedies. It is understood that any resemblance between the latter and the American film of the same name is purely coincidental.

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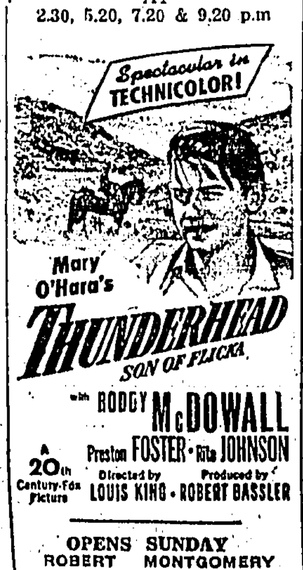

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GOLDENBERG.—In memory of Charles Archibald ("Archie") Goldenberg, who passed away on November 26, 1941 (inserted by members of St. Joseph's Football & Softball Club).

THE KING

A little more than a week ago the Empire was rejoicing at the birth of a Prince to H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth. Today all peoples of the Commonwealth are deeply concerned by the disturbing news regarding the health of His Majesty, who has been compelled to cancel all public engagements for several months, including, to the acute disappointment of Australia and New Zealand, the Royal Tour which was planned for early next year. No cause for real anxiety is roused by the official statement. It is nonetheless made clear that the strain of the war years and the exacting duties devolving upon His Majesty since he was called upon to succeed the Duke of Windsor, have taken a heavy toll of his health. As "The Times" remarks, the revelation will sadden the thoughts of British people throughout the world, for in sorrow as in joy the private fortunes of the Royal Family are felt to be the personal concern of all families within the allegiance of the Crown. The physical strain imposed by the professional routine of modern kingship is seldom fully appreciated. On King George VI the physical has always been more than matched by the nervous strain. He ascended the Throne in a year of crisis. During the dark days of the war, when the survival of the British Isles was at stake, the King's anxieties for the whole nation were indeed great and the King had to bear them in his capacity as supreme representative. Peace—if world conditions today can so be called—have brought little relaxation, but through these trying years His Majesty has remained undaunted and has spread courage and confidence by his selfless devotion to his weighty task. Millions have drawn strength from his example and will share in the universal good wishes for a complete recovery.

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Rent Control

The point taken by a correspondent today on the subject of rent control anomalies in Hong Kong has already been emphasised more than once in these columns. In the peculiar conditions which have prevailed since the Liberation, not omitting the serious necessity for official encouragement of new housing construction, some disparity between the rentals of pre-war property and of premises built in the last two years, is understandable. That this should be accepted in principle, however, does not involve consent to undisguised exploitation of the acute housing shortage. As our correspondent suggests, the problem threatens to increase gravely as a direct consequence of China's troubles and the likely influx of large numbers of refugees, Chinese and foreign, and the time to check the grasping speculator is now, not when inflated profits have already been reaped. In the latter case, all that would be open to the Government would be the institution of Fair Rents Courts to which all tenants of newly-built houses might have recourse, involving protracted proceedings. There is, however, another process open, of immediate application, namely the requisitioning of all vacant flats, control over their allotments, and the setting of standard rents based upon a fair return upon building costs. The step would arouse strong protest from speculative builders, but it would make life more bearable for scores of people.

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"Tentative and unofficial details of contemplated British carrier-borne air support are as follows: In the covering force east of Gibraltar, one carrier with 20 fighters and 30 torpedo planes; at Algiers in direct support 66 fighters and 18 torpedo planes. In addition to above one old carrier with 13 planes may possibly be available.

"The following are the particular factors that bear directly upon the degree of hazard inherent in this operation:

"(a) The sufficiency of carrier-borne air support during initial stages.

"The operational strength of the French Air Force in Africa is about 500 planes. Neither the bombers nor the fighters are of the most modern type, but the fighters are superior in performance to the naval types on carriers. Consequently, if the French make determined and unified resistance to the initial landing, particularly by concentrating the bulk of their air against either of the major ports, they can seriously interfere with, if not prevent, a landing at that point. The total carrier-borne fighter strength (counting on 100 U.S. fighters on Ranger and auxiliary) will apparently be about 166 planes in actual support of the landings. Only 20 to 30 will be with the naval covering forces to the Eastward. These fighters will be under the usual handicaps of carrier-based aircraft when operating against land-based planes.

"(b) Efficiency of Gibraltar as an erection point for fighter aircraft to be used after landing fields have been secured.

"Since Gibraltar is the only port available to Allies in that region, the rapid transfer of fighter craft to captured airdromes will be largely dependent upon our ability to set up at Gibraltar a reasonable number for immediate operations and a flow thereafter of at least 30 planes per day. The vulnerability of Gibraltar, especially to interference by Spanish forces, is obvious. If the Spaniards should take hostile action against us immediately upon the beginning of landing operations, it would be practically impossible to secure any land-based fighter craft for use in northern Africa for a period of some days.

"(c) Another critical factor affecting the air will be the state of the weather.

"It is planned to transfer by flying to captured airdromes in North Africa the American units now in Great Britain except the Spitfire groups. These last will necessarily be shipped and set up at Gibraltar or captured airdromes. A spell of bad weather would so weaken the anticipated air support in the early stages of the operation as to constitute another definite hazard to success.

"(d) The character of resistance of the French Army.

"In the region now are some 14 French division rather poorly equipped but presumably with a fair degree of training and with the benefit of professional leadership. If this Army should act as a unit in contesting the invasion, it would, in view of the slowness with which Allied forces can be accumulated at the two main ports, so delay and hamper operations that the real object of the expedition could not be achieved, namely, the seizing control of the north shore of Africa before it can be substantially reinforced by the Axis.

"(e) The attitude of the Spanish Army.

"While there have been no indications to date that the Spaniards would take sides in the war as a result of this particular operation, this contingency must be looked on as a possibility, particularly if Germany should make a definite move toward entering Spain. In any event, Spain's entry would instantly entail the loss of Gibraltar as a landing field and would prevent our use of the Strait of Gibraltar until effective action could be taken by the Allies. In view of available resources, it would appear doubtful that such effective action is within our capabilities.

"(f) The possibility that the German air forces now in Western Europe may rapidly enter Spain and operate against our line of Communications.

"This would not be an operation for the Germans except with the full acquiescence and support of Spain. Gasoline, bombs, and lubricants do not exist at the Spanish airfields and the transfer to that country of ground and maintenance crews and supplies would require considerable time. Certain facts that bear upon the likelihood of such enemy action are, first, that Germany already has excellent landing fields in Sicily, from which their long-range aircraft can operate without going to the trouble of establishing new bases. Secondly, the advantages to Germany of occupying the Iberian Peninsula in force have always existed. The fact that Germany has made no noticeable move in this direction, even under the conditions lately existing when substantial parts of the British naval strength have been inside the Mediterranean, is at least some evidence that the enemy does not consider this an easy operation.

"(g) Other factors that we have considered in arriving at the conclusions given below are the experiences of the recent Malta convoy and the assumption that Allied naval losses within the past 10 days have been considerable. The Malta convoy did not come under air attack until it was practically south of Sardinia and its difficulties West of that point were from submarine action.

"Based on all the above, we consider that the operation has more than a fair chance of success provided Spain stays neutral and the French forces either offer only token resistance or are so badly divided by internal dissension and by Allied political manoeuvring that effective resistance will be negligible. It is our opinion that Spain will stay neutral, at least during the early stages of the operation, provided we are successful in maintaining profound secrecy in connection with our intentions. She has done so in the past when similar large convoys passed through the strait. We believe, on the other hand, that we will encounter very considerable resistance from certain sections of the French forces. We believe the area in which the French will be most favourable to us is around Algiers, with the areas in which we will probably encounter resistance those between Oran and Casablanca and near Tunis.

"We believe that the chances of effecting initial landings are better than even but that the chances of over-all success in the operation, including the capture of Tunis before it can be reinforced by the Axis, are considerably less than 50 per cent. This takes into account the great difficulty surrounding the building up of a land-based air force, the low capacity of ports and consequent slowness in building up of land forces, the very poor character of the long line of communications from Casablanca to Oran, and finally the uncertainty of the French attitude.

"Further eventualities which might involve a change in Spanish attitude, as well as increasing naval and shipping difficulties and consequent slowing up in our reinforcements, are difficult to evaluate. Any sign of failure at this stage and a delay of reinforcements to arrive might be seized upon by the Axis as a reason for coming into Spain, and if Spain should then enter the war the results would be most serious."

Week after week this sort of thing went on. Although the essentials of our operational plan had been crystallised early, every day brought some slight change in detail until almost the final day before sailing.

Along with planning went inspections of training and physical preparation. Our final and most ambitious training exercise in landing operations took place in Western Scotland, during abominable weather. A group of the staff accompanied me to observe the operation and were far from encouraged by the evident lack of skill, particularly among ship companies and boat crews. However, since these had been assembled at the last minute, to minimise interference in Allied shipping programmes, we hoped and believed that major errors revealed by the exercises would not be repeated in actual operations. This proved to be the case.

While on this trip I received a piece of information that carried me back again to America's traditional peacetime indifference toward preparedness. I was told by a troop commander that his unit had just received its final consignment of "bazookas," the infantryman's best weapon of defence against tanks. Since his command was to begin embarking the next day, he was completely at a loss as to how to teach his men the use of this vitally needed weapon. He said, "I don't know anything about it myself except from hearsay."

Nothing more could now be done in London. It was a relief to lock up a desk. To account for my absence from London an elaborate story was circulated that I was making a visit to Washington. Even the President helped out in this particular deception. Actually we took off for Gibraltar, in a flight of five Fortresses, on November 5, 1942. At Gibraltar we were greeted by the governor, Lieutenant General Sir F. N. Mason-MacFarlane, who most hospitably welcomed us to Government House for quarters. By a series of minor mishaps the plane in which I was flying was unreported in London for several hours after the safe arrival of the others in the group had been reported. This caused some consternation among the staff, the large portion of which was still in the United Kingdom, but of this we were unaware at the moment. One plane, which had failed to take off with us, made the flight on the following day and was attacked by two German JU-88s. One man was wounded but the gunners on the Fortress finally drove off the attacking planes.

I went to the tunnels of the Fortress, where our offices were located and there I met Admiral Cunningham, who had made the journey from London in a fast cruiser. He and I began to scan the reports of weather and of operation, to check and recheck everything we had done, and to talk over the things that have so far been related in this book.

CHAPTER 6

INVASION OF AFRICA

At Gibraltar our Headquarters was established in the most dismal setting we occupied during the war. The subterranean passages under the Rock provided the sole available office space, and in them was located the signal equipment by which we expected to keep in touch with the commanders of the three assault forces. The eternal darkness of the tunnels was here and there partially pierced by feeble electric bulbs. Damp, cold air in block-long passages was heavy with a stagnation that did not noticeably respond to the clattering efforts of electric fans. Through the arched ceilings came a constant drip, drip, drip of surface water that faithfully but drearily ticked off the seconds of the interminable, almost unendurable, wait which occurs between completion of a military plan and the moment action begins.

There was no other place to use. In November 1942 the United Nations possessed, except for the Gibraltar Fortress, not a single spot of ground in all the region of western Europe, and in the Mediterranean area, nothing west of Malta. Britain's Gibraltar made possible the invasion of North West Africa. Without it the vital air cover would not have been quickly established on the North African fields. In the early phases of the invasion the small airdrome there had necessarily to serve both as an operational field and as a staging point for aircraft making the passage from England to the African mainland. Even several weeks before D-day it became jammed with fighter craft. Every inch was taken up by either a Spitfire or a can of gasoline. All this was exposed to the enemy's reconnaissance planes and not even an attempt at camouflage could be made. Worse, the airfield itself lay on the Spanish border, separated from Spanish territory only by a barbed-wire fence. Politically, Spain was leaning toward the Axis, and, almost physically, leaning against the barbed-wire fence were any number of Axis agents. Every day we expected a major attack by hostile bombers; as each day went by without such an attack we went to bed puzzled, even astonished.

The only explanation for it was that our measures for deceiving the enemy were working well. We knew that long before the attack could take place the Axis would learn of increased activity at Gibraltar. We hoped the enemy would conclude that we were making another, unusually ambitious attempt to reinforce Malta, which had been in dire straits for months.

Yet in spite of the certain consequences of any enemy air attack, of dreary surroundings, and of all the thousand and one things that could easily go wrong in the great venture about to be launched, within the headquarters there was a definite buoyancy. Soldiers, sailors, and airmen congregated there were stimulated by that feeling of exhilaration that invariably ensues when one leaves months of grinding preparation and irksome inaction behind and turns his eyes expectantly to the outcome of a bold venture.

True, there was tenseness—one could feel it in every little cave makeshifting for an office. It was natural. Within a matter of hours the Allies would know the initial fate of their first combined offensive gesture of the war. Aside from the seesaw campaigns of advance and retreat that had been going on in the Western Desert for two full years and the island battle of Guadalcanal, nowhere in the world had the Allies been capable of undertaking on the ground anything more than mere defence. Even our defensive record was tragically draped in defeats, of which Dunkirk, Bataan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Sourabaya, and Tobruk were black reminders.

During those hours that we paced away among Gibraltar's caverns, hundreds of Allied ships, in fast and slow-moving convoys, were steaming across the North Atlantic toward a common centre on the coast of North West Africa. To attack Algiers and Oran, most of these ships would pass through the narrow Strait of Gibraltar, flanked by guns that might at any moment spank up in favour of the Nazis. Other ships, coming from America, were to proceed directly against Casablanca and port towns to its North and South.

The three main expeditions were plowing through seas infested with U-boats. At Gibraltar most of our separate convoys would enter an area where they would come under the threat of enemy bombers. Our troops had been only hastily trained for this complicated type of landing operation and, for the most part, had never participated in battle. Available shipping did not permit us to carry along all the forces and equipment necessary to assure success. Of course we were tense.

Even our flight to Gibraltar been hazardous. It had been accomplished only after two previous attempts to make the passage from England had been frustrated by foul weather. Before we finally took off from England the officer commanding the six Fortresses assigned to take our party to Gibraltar deliberately placed before me, together with his technical advice against making the flight, the decision as to whether or not he should take off. It was the only time in my life I was faced with that situation because normally the air commander's decision is final. It did not seem a propitious omen for the great adventure, but we had to go through. We flew at an average height of a hundred feet. When the great Rock of Gibraltar finally loomed out of its concealing haze my pilot remarked, "This is the first time I have ever had to climb to get into landing traffic at the end of a long trip!"

In spite of the inaction imposed upon us at Gibraltar, there was work we could do. Already we were planning steps to follow a successful landing, including the early transfer of headquarters to Algiers. There was no lack of future problems to attract our interest, but each could be solved, could even be undertaken, only if the initial attack proved successful. So back and back again to the immediate issue our minds and our talk inevitably came.

We had three days to wait. Finally the leading ships steamed in at night through the narrow strait and we stood on the dark headlands to watch them pass. Still no news of air or submarine attack! We became more hopeful that the enemy, following his tactics of the past against Malta convoys, would keep his air, submarine, and surface forces concentrated to the Eastward around Sicily, in anticipation of making a devastating attack as ships approached the narrow passage between that island and the African mainland.

In the orginal planning the probability of encountering impossible conditions at Casablanca was one of the factors that made me reluctant to commit the largest of our contingents to this particular operation. The danger of last-minute postponement at Casablanca was a lively one, and if this should happen there were only two alternatives.

The first was merely to direct that great convoy to delay its landing and to steam in circles through the adjacent sea areas, awaiting a favourable moment. The disadvantages of this scheme were several. All surprise in the Western attack would be lost; secondly, the ships would remain exposed to the attacks of hostile submarines which swarmed in the Bay of Biscay and Southward, thirdly, the appearance of overwhelming power resulting from simultaneous assault of all three ports would be greatly diminished. Finally, there is a limit to the fuel capacity of ships.

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No Decision Taken On Aid To Nanking

MARSHALL AND CHINESE ENVOY SEE PRESIDENT

Washington, November 24.

The Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall, disclosed today that President Truman and he are still trying to decide what the United States can properly do to assist China in its present crisis.

Mr. Marshal told a crowded news conference that the American Government is well aware that the situation in China, caused by the Southward sweep of the Chinese Communist armies, is critical.

But, choosing his words slowly and deliberately, he said that it presents a difficult problem which has to be considered very carefully.

The problem, as he defined it, is to determine what this Government properly can do to be of real assistance in the present crisis.

One factor in this Government consideration, he disclosed, is the involvement of the United States which might result in China which, he said, is already in effect in various parts of the world.

He did not spell out what he meant by this but other officials say privately that in giving aid to China anti-Communist forces, the United States must make certain that it is not assuming an almost unbearable burden for carrying on an indefinite "hot war" against the Communist forces.

Mr. Marshall met the Press after holding his second foreign policy conference of the week with President Truman.

Dr. Koo's Visit

Another visitor to Mr. Truman was the Chinese Ambassador, Dr. Wellington Koo. The envoy said that as a result of his talk with the President he was "encouraged" in his hope for greater American aid for China.

Dr. Koo told reporters that Mr. Truman had displayed "a most sympathetic view" toward the Chinese situation.

Mr. Marshall did not disclose what he and the President discussed but the White House earlier had announced they took up the China crisis along with other great international issues in their original meeting on Monday.

Scores of reporters crowded into the State Department conference room hopeful of some definite word on American aid to China, and on whether Mr. Marshall intends to remain much longer as Secretary of State.

No Comment

Mr. Marshall declined any comment on what he called his possible tenure of office.

For the most part, Mr. Marshall brushed aside questions asked by reporters seeking amplification of his comments on China.

Dr. Koo called on the President at his own request. To reporters who met him as he left the White House executive office, he declared that he had emphasised "the urgency of the need, and the gravity of the situation" created in China by Communist successes against the Nationalist forces of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

This was the third time in recent weeks that China had appealed for aid. Previously, President Chiang had written directly to President Truman, and Dr. Koo had made a personal plea to State Department officials.

Both those developments came before Mr. Marshall returned from the Paris U.N. meeting on Monday. Since his return, the Government is believed to have made considerable progress in its study of the Chinese crisis but prior to his news conference there was no indication of the position it might finally take.

Nanking Views Presented

Dr. Koo was asked whether the President replied to his appeal but he said that was up to the White House to answer.

He reported that in his talk with the President, he had stressed the bearing which the Chinese situation, in the view of his Government, has upon "the general course of freedom and Democracy in the world."

Meanwhile, there were two other developments in the China aid picture:

The Economic Co-operation Administration announced approval for shipment of $22,000,000 worth of oil from Saudi Arabia to China.

The State Department reported that the Chinese Government has spent about $2,500,000 for arms purchased in the United States in the last two weeks. This raised to a total of $113,079,988 the funds paid out by the American Government under the $135,000,000 Chinese military aid programme voted by Congress last session.—Associated Press.

Urgent Appeal On Berlin

Paris, November 25.

Reliable sources said last night that Dr. Juan A. Bramuglia of Argentina is making an urgent appeal to the Big Four powers against any moves that might heighten tension in Berlin.

These informants said that Dr Bramuglia planned to deliver the appeal in person to the Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky, on Wednesday night and to representatives of the United States, Britain and France on Thursday.

Dr Bramuglia is President of the Security Council.

He was reported to be anxious to guard against failure of the latest attempts of the six "neutral" nations on the Council to mediate for a lifting of the Berlin blockade.

Dr. Bramuglia is deeply concerned over recent reports of a "deterioration" situation in Berlin itself, and by growing pessimism in Western quarters over chances for a settlement.—Associated Press.

U.S. Rejection Of Ruhr Protest

Washington, November 24.

The Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall, announced today at his press conference what was regarded as a virtual rejection of the French protest against the Anglo-American proposals to hand over the Ruhr industries to German trusteeship.

He was addressing his first press conference since returning on Monday from Paris for a review of the international situation with President Truman.

Mr. Marshall gave a lengthy justification of the American policy towards the Ruhr industries based on the grounds that these were essential to the recovery of Europe as well as of Germany.

The United States was willing to take measures to increase the security of France against threats of German aggression but they would go ahead with the decisions agreed upon in Paris and London, he said.

Mr. Marshall added that the American Government recognised the justifiable fears of France that Germany might be built up into a base of aggression by the use of the war potential of the Ruhr.

He said the United States would never knowingly be involved in procedures which would bring about the menace of German aggression.

The decisions made by the British and American Military Governors for the eventual handing over of the Ruhr industries to German trusteeship were in keeping with the decisions made by the British, French and American representatives at an earlier London conference.

The whole issue was one of complexity and involved the problem of the United States providing large appropriations of funds to meet the financial deficiency not only of the American Zone but also of the other two Western Zones, he said.—Reuter.

Aid China Catchword

New York, November 26.

A New York Times editorial today criticised what it called the new catchword that aid to China must be on an all or nothing basis.

"The United States cannot hope or be expected to mount a major counter-offensive in Asia," the Times said. "But, just as obviously, it cannot discontinue all aid to the Nanking Government without giving the signal to every anti-Communist, from one end of China to the other, to throw up the sponge.

"The problem is how much aid we can afford to give between these two extremes," the editorial said.—Associated Press.

President Truman Appeals To Reds

Washington, November 24.

An appeal to the Soviet Union to join the Food and Agricultural Organisation of the United Nations was made by President Truman in a speech here today.

Speaking to the Food and Agricultural Organisation Conference, the President made the appeal in his first public speech since his re-election.

Mr. Truman said: "If we could discuss with the Russians our mutual interest in agriculture it would not be so difficult to discuss our differences in some other field. It is most heartening that several Eastern European nations are members of the FAO.

"I should like to see that large agricultural country, Argentina, become a member."

President Truman said he regretted that the American Congress had failed to ratify the International Wheat Agreement which would have stabilised the price and volume of wheat in world trade for five years.

He gave his pledge that if another one can be negotiated he would send it to the new Congress which convenes in January for approval.

"We are counting on the Food and Agricultural Organisation to remove some of the instability from farm production and farm prices around the world and thus to remove some the causes of international friction," he stated.

"An abundant food supply will tear down many artificial trade barriers. Some of these barriers have been erected by those who hope for protection against low commodity prices elsewhere, but this short-sighted move has led to a slow form of trade strangulation."—Reuter.

Bus Plunges Into River

Stockholm, November 24.

Divers and rescue teams, working in sub-zero temperatures, found 13 bodies seated on chairs or lying on the floor whey they raised a trolley bus from the bottom of Essings Sound tonight.

The vehicle plunged into the river this morning after a collision with a lorry.

Big crowds braved the biting wind to watch cranes bring the bus to the suface tonight under the glare of searchlights. Many feared that relatives were in the bus and waited anxiously at the mortuary to see the bodies.—Reuter.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR HONG KONG?

The photograph shows the entrance of the Chinese YMCA on Bridges Street.

DR. KOO SAYS:

American Success Depends On Nanking's Victory

Washington, November 24.

American success or failure in checking Red expansion and world domination depend directly on whether or not Nanking defeats the Red armies.

So declared the Chinese Ambassador, Dr. Wellington Koo, in a television broadcast tonight.

Dr Koo said: "China's war against Communist domination is the struggle of the Chinese people and Government to preserve China's freedom and independence and prevent the country from being put behind the iron curtain.

"Whether China succeeds or fails will mean the success or failure of the policy of the United States to check Communist expansion and domination in the world," added the Ambassador.

Dr. Koo said the United States was as much a Pacific power as an Atlantic power and therefore, if Asia succumbed to Communism, the United States would be confronted with a grave danger in the Pacific.

"Whatever may be one's opinion," continued Dr. Koo, "the fact is that the safety of the China coast is a factor of vital importance to the security of the United States."

Questioned concerning reforms in the Nationalist Government, the Ambassador replied, "Calling for more reforms and less corruption is one way for critics of the Chinese Government to discredit its good name and its work.

"I do not mean there is no room for improvement in the Chinese Government. It is far from perfect and earnest efforts have been steadily made to eliminate corruption and to reform the administration. A modern constitution has been adopted and a popularly-elected Parliament has been sitting to make laws in conformity with the will of the people.

"The Government in the past two years has been reorganised in order to enlist the services of younger and more liberal elements.

Sinister Design

"In other words, the will to reform has been repeatedly demonstrated and if the results have not been commensurate with the efforts made, the reason lies in the fact that the Government has had to carry on a full-fledged war against Communist aggression.

"While the established authorities try their best to repair roads and railroads damaged during the war and to improve the people's livelihood, the Communists continue to destroy and sabotage in their sinister design to undermine the prestige and authority of the Government and to seize political power for themselves.

"It should therefore cause little wonder that even drastic reforms have failed to produce the desired result."—United Press.

TB VACCINATIONS OF CHILDREN

Copenhagen, November 25.

An international campaign for the anti-tuberculosis vaccination of children will soon be extended to many countries in the Middle and Far East.

Dr Johannes Holm, technical director of the campaign, said this to the Associated Press today.

The movement will start with India where about 13,000,000 children will be vaccinated.

The campaign is a joint effort of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), the Danish Red Cross, the Swedish Red Cross and Norwegian help for Europe.

UNICEF in a recent Paris meeting approved the participation of Pakistan, Ceylon, Egypt, the Lebanon and Mexico, and work will begin upon the signing of the necessary agreements between each government and the international tuberculosis campaign.

Other eligible countries with which agreements are being negotiated are Albania, Algeria, Austria, Bulgaria, China, Italy, Morocco, Rumania and Tunisia.

Russia has not applied for assistance.

"As far as I know the Soviet Union has a large scale vaccination programme of her own," said Dr Holm.—Associated Press.

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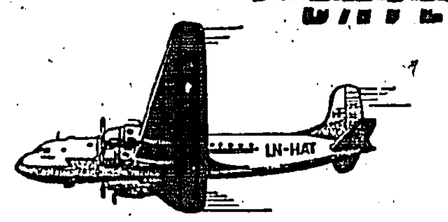

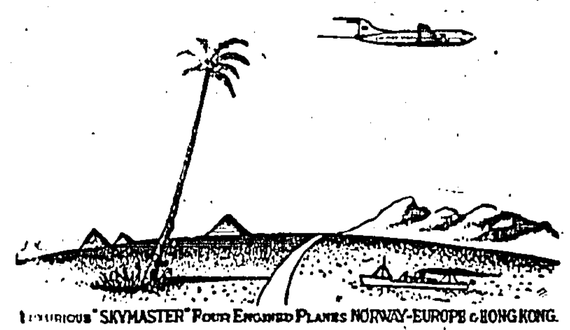

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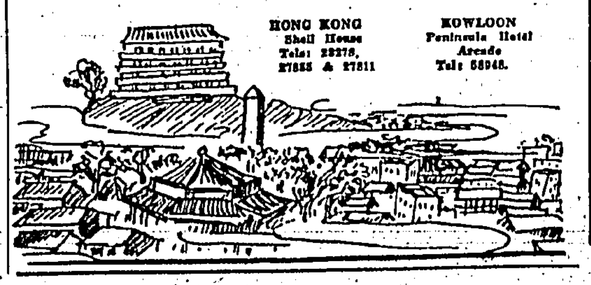

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CONSCRIPTION PERIOD TO BE EXTENDED

London, November 24.

Compulsory military training in Britain will be extended from 12 to 18 months by a Government Bill read formally in Parliament today.

The decision to extend the length of service was the subject of heated criticism by some Members of the Parliamentary Labour Party at a private meeting earlier in the day.

It is expected that a section of the Government's followers will express their disapproval when the Bill is debated in Parliament on the second reading.

The Government first clashed with a considerable group of its supporters on the length of military service when it introduced last year the National Service Bill.

The Bill, timed to operate from January, 1949, prescribed a period of 18 months' compulsory service.

When the Bill was debated in Parliament, 72 Labour Members voted against the Government, and a considerable number abstained from voting.

The Government amended the Bill, reducing the compulsory service to a year, this producing a bitter onslaught from the Conservative Opposition, which charged the Government with subordinating National defence interest to party pressure.

Reserve Cut

The Bill introduced today will restore the period of 18 months' compulsory service but men called up will have their subsequent reserve period cut from six years to four.

In early autumn, when the international situation was tense and there were special demands for men for trouble centres like Malaya, the Government decided upon a temporary slowing down of the demobilisation of 100,000 men who would have left the colours in the last three months of the year.

The main criticism of the scheme for compulsory service for one year only is that the period is too short to permit conscripts to be trained for use on distant stations.—Reuter.

Bloodless Coup d'Etat By The Venezuelan Army

Caracas, November 25.

The Army overthrew the Government of President Romulo Gallegos yesterday without firing a shot and announced it was in general control of the nation.

Troops occupied all public buildings at noon.

Lieutenant Colonel Marcos Perez Jimenez, chief of staff of the Army, said the Army carried out the coup because of the incapacity of the administration of the Democratic action party headed by Gallegos, and because extremist labour elements were threatening a general strike to support the President.

The Army apparently acted when Lieutenant-General Mario Vargas, Inspector-General of the Armed forces, returned from a recuperation of several months at Saranac lake, New York, and threw in his lot with the military. Vargas, one of the leaders of the 1945 revolution which overthrew President Isaias Medina Angarita, had been counted in the Democratic action camp.

Workers Strike

Gallegos, who took office only last February as the nation's first President elected by a direct vote of the people, was at his home under the protection of the Army. The whereabouts of other political leaders was unknown.

Private reports from Maracaibo in Western Venezuela, the centre of the oil industry where American capital has a stake of about two billion dollars, said oil workers had called a general strike throughout the State of Zulia.

Lieutenant-Colonel Carlos Delgado Chalbaud, Minister of Defence in the Gallegos Cabinet, broadcast the first communique to the people after Gallegos' overthrow. He asked everybody to stay home, warned foreigners not to interfere, said no meetings of more than three persons would be allowed, and gave orders to troop patrols to shoot immediately any looters or disturbers of the peace. Delgado Chalbaud said the Army had the full backing of the Air Force and Navy.

New Government

Workers were warned to return to work at once. Bars and public places were ordered closed.

In a broadcast announcing the Army action, Perez Jimenez attacked the Democratic action party which had been accused of monopolising power under Gallegos.

He said the Army would not allow any group to use power to the detriment of the nation. He promised a new Government that would follow a course of dignity.—Associated Press.

Outward Attraction Of Communism

Manila, November 25.

President Quirino, today warned Filipinos to beware of Communism as an outwardly attractive ideology whose main theme was to suppress democracy.

He said: "To fight this doctrine, the people, led by patriotic and sensible leaders, must unite and stand firm on solid ground and mind their own business without neglecting to participate in world affairs."—Associated Press.

Move To Withdraw Occupation Army

Berlin, November 25.

A Communist drive to get all occupation troops out of Germany was launched last night.

The German People's Council, a Communist front organisation and possible forerunner of an East German parliament, apparently was voicing the Kremlin's policy when it demanded.

An immediate parley by the Big Four Foreign Ministers Council to set up machinery to write a final peace treaty for Germany: Removal of all occupation troops within a year after the treaty is signed.

Widely heralded as an important announcement a day in advance by the Soviet-licenced news agency ADN, the demand apparently had the full approval of the Russians. In effect it confirmed that Russians want everyone to pull out of Germany, as the Russians did in Korea, once they have Communist police state machinery set up in the Eastern zone.

The campaign for Foreign Ministers Council meeting, in any event, appeared to be headed for a snag. The Western powers have refused repeatedly to convent with Russia on that level to negotiate on German questions as long as the Soviet blockade of Berlin continues.

City Hall Guards

The demand for negotiations on a German peace treaty was voiced in the People's Council by Otto Nuschke, official of the Communist-led Social Unity Party.

The three Western powers have failed to live up to the Potsdam agreement for a United Germany, while Russia has, he said.

The formation of a West German Government, now in its final stages, was a move to turn Germany into a capitalist colony, he added.

His pronouncement called for a provisional central Government of Germans to sit in on peace treaty negotiations, and laid down "principles" including reparations low enough to guarantee a decent German living standard.

Meanwhile, the Russians posted German guards at the City Hall in their Zone in what they said was an effort to prevent elected officials from removing any papers or records. Apparently this was a move preparatory to setting up their own East Berlin Government when election of a new city council is held in West Berlin December 5.—Associated Press.

Tension In Brazil

Rio de Janeiro, November 24.

A Brazilian Army spokesman declined to conform or deny todays rumours that naval and military forces in Rio de Janeiro had been on the alert since last night when 200 sailors demonstrated in front of the Senate.

Nearly 100 alleged Communists, including four Navy sergeants, were arrested after the incident, in which Marine shock troops dispersed sailors who were demanding a pay increase. A police chief said the demonstration was Communist-inspired.

Authoritative sources said all armed forces in the capital were on the alert against further demonstrations in the ranks of the Navy. A 1,000 sailors were said to have failed to report for duty today in "sympathy" with their comrades involved in last night's incident.—Reuter.

Hsuchow Air Tragedy

Shanghai, November 25.

Two Chinese military pilots were killed and a pair of American-built P-51 fighters completely destroyed in a take-off accident at Hsuchow Airport on Wednesday, according to airline fliers returning here.

The two fighters were taking off in formation when one of them, which was carrying a bomb in its bay, veered off the runway and detonated its load accidentally.

Eye-witnesses said the bomb blew up the uncontrollable P-51 and its companion plane. Following the explosion and fire, only scattered bits of wreckage could be found of the disintegrated fighters.

Both pilots were killed instanteneously.—Reuter.

Japanese Want Rice From Siam

Washington, November 25.

Japan is seeking to obtain 200,000 tons of Siamese rice next year.

This was revealed when the International Emergency Food Council Rice Committee indicated it would begin consideration next week of the Siam-Japan US$60,000,000, trade agreement.

Siam is hoping to fulfill its portion of the agreement with rice exports to Japan. But Japan is a member of the IEFC, which is allocating world rice supplies. Thus far the IEFC has refused to to allocate rice to Japan, instead taking the view that all rice of claimant countries must be satisfied ahead of Japanese claims.

The impression here is that if such rice claimant countries as China are not able to purchase Siamese rice, then the IEFC may approve shipments to Japan.

Otherwise, chances of Siam being in a position to fulfill her portion of the Japan agreement seems doubtful unless Siam decides to disregard IEFC decisions.

Meanwhile Japan is shipping railway rolling stock to Siam, establishing credits there against the hoped for rice.—Associated Press.

RATIONED RICE FOR KWANGTUNG

Canton, November 25.

A total of 110,000 tons of rice have been earmarked for rationing in Kwangtung and Canton next spring.

This information has been transmitted to the Kwangtung Provincial Government by the Food Ministry in Nanking.

Transportation of the quota of rice is to begin soon.

Earlier, it was announced that the Kwangsi Provincial Government had given permission for the export to Kwangtung of 600,000 piculs of rice. Two hundred and twenty thousand piculs of the same commodity are expected here from Hunan.

At his press conference here last week-end Governor T. V. Soong said that there would be no question of a food shortage in Kwangtung.—Reuter.

CEYLON ENVOY AT WHITE HOUSE

Washington, November 24.

Mr. G.C.S. Corea, Ceylon's first Ambassador to the United States, today presented his credentials to President Truman.

The Ambassador said it was his country's honest hope for the continued happiness and prosperity of the United States. He said he would seek to advance friendship and co-operation between his country and the United States.

Mr. Truman assured the Ambassador that the United States would work with him in the closest collaboration.—United Press.

MARXISM FOR BOY SCOUTS

Warsaw, November 24.

Eighty Polish boy scouts have just completed a two weeks' course of Marxist ideology to assist them in their new training tasks. The course included a critical appraisal of the British Scout Movement and the activities of the Polish Movement before it came under the supervision of the State in August.—Reuter.

NELLIE WALLACE IS DEAD

London, November 24.

Miss Nellie Wallace, the famous British music hall artiste, died today only three weeks after she appeared at the Royal Command performance at the London Palladium which was attended by the King and Queen.

She then collapsed in the wings on leaving the stage and later was taken seriously ill with bronchitis and heart trouble. She was 73 years old.—Reuter.

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11.00 p.m.—Dance to Benny Goodman and His Orchestra.
11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

Parliament Votes For Queuille

Paris, November 24.

The French National Assembly today passed a vote of confidence in the Government of M. Henri Queuille by 316 votes to 164.

The minimum vote required for an absolute majority in the Assembly is 311. The Deputies today took 65 minutes to record their votes on a Communist motion against which the Premier, M. Queuille, had asked to be taken as a vote of confidence.

The vote of confidence in the Government was on the rejection of a Communist motion for a Parliamentary Commission to investigate the bank accounts of the Communist Party and the Socialist newspaper, Le Populaire.

The Assembly then began discussing a Gaullist motion asking for a Parliamentary Commission with the fullest possible judicial powers to investigate the resources and activities of the Communist Party.

The Communists countered the Gaullist motion with an amendment calling for a Parliamentary inquiry into funds distributed in Western Europe by Mr. Irving Brown, the European representative of the American Federation of Labour.

The Prime Minister asked the Assembly to reject both the Gaullist motion for an inquiry into the French Communist Party and the Communists' amendment.

This was a matter for the judicial authorities, he said. The Gaullists thereupon withdrew their motion, and the Assembly voted on the Communist amendment as a substantive motion.

The Communist amendment was rejected by 379 votes against 160.

A motion expressing confidence in the Government to defend the national patrimony within the framework of the law and the Republican order was adopted by 351 votes against 215, it was officially announced by the Speaker at the end of the eight-day debate on the Government's handling of the coal strike.—Reuter.

Conversion Was Only Natural

Rochester, New York, November 25.

Miss Elizabeth Bentley, self-avowed former Communist espionage agent in this country, returned from her religious retreat last night to address a preparatory school audience.

She told the United Press that her conversion to the Catholic Church, which took place recently, was only natural.

She added: "A Communist who had a philosophy of hate, if he did change, would turn to the exact opposite, namely a philosophy of love."

Miss Bentley said the law suit by Mr. William W. Remington, former employee of the Commerce Department, who is suing her for slander, was a matter for her attorneys, but said the summons would be willingly accepted.

Mr Remington was one of the former government officials Miss Bentley accused of being members of a Communist spy system in Washington.—United Press.

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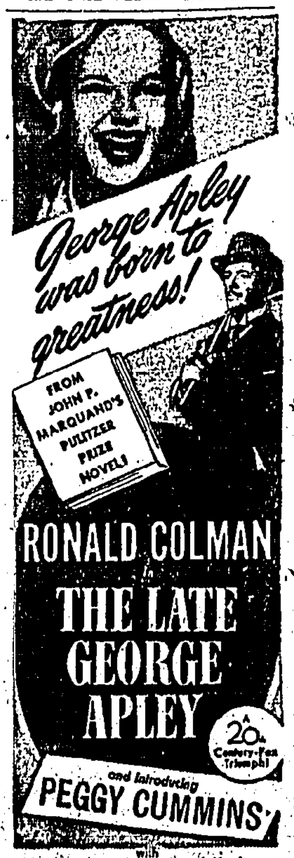

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HEAVY TROOP MOVES IN PEIPING AREA

Tientsin, November 25.

Heavy Government troops movements have been reported along the Peiping-Tientsin section of the railway line throughout the past 24 hours, upsetting passenger traffic and leading to a crop of rumours among intending passengers.

While morning trains between Peiping and Tientsin were subjected to delays, traffic was at a standstill in the afternoon. No regular afternoon trains left the port city for Peiping and all were eventually cancelled.

It is believed that the current troop movements along this stretch of the railway are connected with reported Nationalist operations on both sides of the track centring on Wuching, to the North, and Antze, to the South.

Simultaneously, the public bus service along the highway between Tientsin and Shengfang, only 30 miles to the West, was suspended.

The Communists in Central Hopei have been rather active lately and by capturing Shengfang have planted a considerable force only 30 miles West of Tientsin. Shengfang is located close to Antze, where Nationalist operations have been reported over the week-end.

Patrol contact East of Tungchow, about 10 miles East of Peiping, indicated that there is little Communist desire for plunging into an immediate engagement and they will withdraw to new positions at Paoti and Chihsien, within an arc threatening Peiping.

Railway Destroyed

The Nationalists in East Hopei, beyond the coal mining area, have demolished completely the railway between Luanhsien and Shihmen, about six miles East of Luanhsien.

The Nationalists are also reported to be reducing the railway between Luanhsien and Kuyeh, about 18 miles Westward, from a double track to a single line. Accumulated demolished rails will be used for laying an additional track between Tongshan and Hsinho immediately below Tangku.

Actual work starts today on this project which is important for military movements and transporting Kailan Mining Administration coal to Tangku for shipment Southward and to Central China.

A joint transport office is being established by the Peiping-Mukden Railway and the Tangku Harbour Bureau to accelerate coal shipments.

General Fu Tso-yi, Nationlist North China commander, reported that all Reds had been cleared from Tsinglungwan. If true, this will lessen the danger to the Southern half of the Peiping-Tientsin rail line.

Planes Active

Fu also reported that Nationalists struck North from Tientsin in an attempt to link with another force moving South from the area East of Peiping.

At the same time, Nationalist planes attacked the Reds at Chihsien and other points near Peiping in an action which appeared as an effort to keep the enemy spread out.

Headquarters claimed that Nationalists in Suiyuan continued to expand their holdings around Kweisui, provincial capital.

Forces were reported moving West toward the approaches to Paotow, Western terminus of the Peiping-Suiyuan railroad.

Meanwhile, a Nationalist armoured train was reported to have hit a mine on the Peiping-Kalgan railroad South of Nankou and 25 miles North West of Peiping. The number of casualties has not been disclosed. Repairs were being rushed.

U.S. Arms?

Associated Press' Spencer Moosa reports from Peiping that current rumours "too strong to ignore" say that American arms from Japan are reaching North China.

General Fu's headquarters refused comment on the reports, possible indication they may be well founded.

Chiang Kai-shek is known to have agreed recently to direct shipments of arms to Fu's armies, which need them badly.

Tangku, port of Tientsin, is the only point where shipments for North China could unload.

Chinwangtao is normally an alternative port but it has been cut off from rail communications with Tientsin since September 12. —Reuter and Associated Press.

Chennault Sees Soong

Shanghai, November 25.

A Chinese report from Canton said today that Major General Claire L. Chennault, President of the Civil Air Transport and former Commander of the United States 14th Air Force, arrived in Canton on Wednesday and called on Dr. T.V. Soong, Governor of Kwangtung.—United Press.

Freighter Lost In Atlantic

Newcastle, November 24.

The owners of the Newcastle freighter, Hope Star, now nine days overdue at Philadelphia and believed lost in the Atlantic, were told by Lloyds today that a most intensive search for the ship is in progress.

No word has been heard from her since November 14 when her master radioed that heavy weather 900 miles East of New York had damaged the ship's deep water tank.

The Hope Star was crossing the Atlantic in ballast to pick up a cargo of grain at Philadelphia for Alexandria. She left the Tyne on November 2.

Of the crew of 40, 30 are Tynesiders. The Master is F. H. Dufton of Durham City.

In New York, the Coastguard said it believed the ship had sunk, and there is little possibility of survivors. Reuter and Associated Press.

POLICEMAN KNEW BETTER

New York, November 25.

Mary Grey, 25, was pronounced dead yesterday by a hospital attendant with the ambulance which responded to an emergency call.

Today she is recovering from an overdose of sleeping pills because a policeman, Richard Petrocine, detected beads of perspiration on her brow and found mist gathering on a mirror he placed before her mouth.

Petrocine applied artifical respiration and called a doctor. Mary was sent to hospital, where her condition was described as fair.—United Press.

COUNCIL FOR WALES

London, November 24.

In order to meet Welsh complaints that Wales has not enough say in her own affairs, the British Government today proposed a Council for Wales and Monmouthshire. The Council will consist of representatives of Welsh local authorities, employers, workers, and other organisations.

It would now be up to the Council to see that the Government was adequately informed on the trends of Welsh opinion in the economic and cultural fields and on how departmental activities affected the lives of the Welsh people.—Reuter.

Arms Case Sentences

Cardiff, November 24.

The results of a case at Cardiff in which it was alleged that an attempt was made to ship 35 armoured transport trucks to Palestine, were heard today.

All the defendants were found guilty of the charge of being the exporters of the vehicles.

The New York and Eastern Trading Company was fined £500, James Simmonds, the Managing Director, was fined £500 or 12 months imprisonment, Cecil England £250 or nine months, Mrs. England £250 or nine months, Henry Epps £100 or six months and Richard Epps £50 or three months.

On behalf of Simmonds it was stated that he did not appear at the last hearing of the case because of the realisation that he had made certain mistakes in the evidence.—Reuter.

THREAT TO SHANGHAI TEMPORARILY REMOVED

Shanghai, November 25.

The Chinese Red threat to Nanking and Shanghai appeared today to be removed for the time being.

The second Communist offensive on Hsuchow has slowed down if not stopped.

Despite the fact that there is still no clear-cut picture that can be drawn in today's battle situation, these facts stand out:

1. The trapped Government forces under General Huang Po-tao, while suffering losses estimated up to 75 per cent in the battle of Nienchuang, 50 miles East of Hsuchow, fought out of the Red encirclement and rejoined rescue columns 20 miles East of Hsuchow.

2. The importance lies not so much in the remnants escaping as in pinning down strong Red armies under General Chen Yi for more than a fortnight, enabling other Nationalist troops to recapture Suhsien and clear the rail lifeline between Nanking and Hsuchow.

3. At the same time the Reds, who sought to by pass Hsuchow and drive Southward toward Pengpu, another Government stronghold North of Nanking, were set back on their heels.

The Communist attempts to cross the Grand Canal, still further East of Hsuchow, were stopped.

The area between the Canal and the sea, which at one time appeared to be an easy route for the Reds to follow to the mouth of the Yangtse, appears to be cleared of the Communists. A Red drive Southward along that corridor would have placed them opposite to Chinkiang, threatening river communications from the Pacific to Shanghai and Nanking.

However, the Reds are still in considerable strength further to the North East and North West of Hsuchow.

Some neutral military quarters think that the Reds still have another possibility against Nanking and Shanghai.

Drive On Nanchang?

That involves a wide sweeping drive from a point West of Hsuchow Southward to Wuhsih, which is up the river from Nanking just after the Yangtse bends Southward, then on around to Nanchang which is South West of Shanghai.

A successful Red push to either or both would give them highways and rail lines direct toward the two cities as well as a rolling country where fast marches could be made.

It is just an idea but it is not discarded in the long range view of what might happen.—United Press.

Govt Still To Handle ERP Grain

Washington, November 25.

The ECA Administrator, Mr Paul Hoffman, said today after a meeting with President Truman that the Government would continue to handle grain purchases under the European Recovery Programme.

The ECA had proposed to turn back to private dealers on December 1 all grain deals for ERP countries, but the plan was opposed by the Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Charles Brannan, who wanted the Commodity Credit Corporation to retain its purchasing authority.

Mr. Hoffman said after a 15-minute conference with Mr. Truman that the President felt it desirable under the present conditions not to return purchases back to private dealers. Mr. Hoffman also said Mr. Truman told him he wanted him to stay on as recovery administrator and indicated that the former Secretary of Commerce, Mr. Averell Harriman, would continue as ECA roving Ambassador in Europe.

There have been reports Mr. Harriman might take over the top ECA post or perhaps become Secretary of State if Mr. George Marshall resigns.

Mr. Hoffman said Mr. Truman did not indicate how long he wanted to continue grain purchases through the Government. The Administrator explained that he had wanted to try each method for six months to see which operation was the more economical.—United Press.

Indonesian Accusations

Paris, November 24.

Pledging its sincere desire for new negotiations with the Netherlands, the Republic of Indonesia today charged the Netherlands authorities with four major violations of the year-old truce in Indonesia.

The Republican Government claimed in a statement circulated to delegations at the United Nations General Assembly that continuous Dutch charges of truce violations by the Indonesians are untrue and are disturbing the proper atmosphere for the re-opening of negotiations.

"The Republic of Indonesia sincerely hopes that the efforts of the Security Council's Committee of Good Offices to renew negotiations will meet with success," it added.—Reuter.

Americans Flock To Aid China

Pittsburgh, November 24.

An unofficial movement to reorganise Major-General Claire Chennault's Flying Tigers and send them back to China is drawing thousands of volunteers.

The plan received the endorsement of Chiang Kai-shek, but cannot be put into operation until the United States Government agrees to send aid to war-torn China, the executive Vice-President of the Association (Mr William Arther) said today.

Pending the Government's sponsorship, the Association is recruiting volunteers from all parts of the country.

Mr. Arther, formerly a Lieutenant-Colonel, is heading the movement in place of the Association's President, General Casey Vincent, who is still in the service.

General Chennault already has notified Mr. Arther he would be willing to resume leadership of the Flying Tigers, and, Mr. Arther said, thousands of veterans are volunteering to return to duty.

The organisation would comprise at least 200 pilots and 1,800 ground men and after a refresher in the United States would move to the island of Formosa for training, then to operations in China. The men would fly P-51s and A-26s.

The Association held a meeting of about 365 Pittsburgh district volunteers here last night. The men were instructed on proposed training plans and given progress reports on efforts to have the reorganisation approved by the Government.—United Press.

BI-CENTENARY OF HYMN COMPOSER

London, November 24.

Britain this week celebrates the bi-centenary of the composer of one of the best-loved hymns in the English-speaking world, Isaac Watts, author of "God Our Help in Ages Past."

In the two centuries since Watts' death, this and others of his hymns have become more and more associated with great occasions of Thanksgiving and Remembrance.

Whether sung in humble village churches, or in great cathedrals, such as St. Paul's and Westminster Abbey, the hymns reflect in simple verse a nation's thankfulness.

Watts wrote nearly 700 hymns, 25 of which are still sung by many denominations.

With the publication of Watts' "Hymns and Spiritual Songs" in 1707 the English people began to sing Hymns regularly at their church meetings. this was considered an important factor in making services more cheerful and lightening religion during the 18th century, thus paving the way for the great Methodist revival led by John and Charles Wesley.

Watts was a dissenting clergyman. Yet his interest spread far beyond the confines of his own parish, or even his own country. In later life he knew leaders of the colony of New England. His home in London became the clearing house for American problems.

He collected money for missionary work among the Indians: found donors for Harvard and acted as Trustee for two of that university's important funds. He also helped in the choice of Harvard textbooks and professors.—Reuter.

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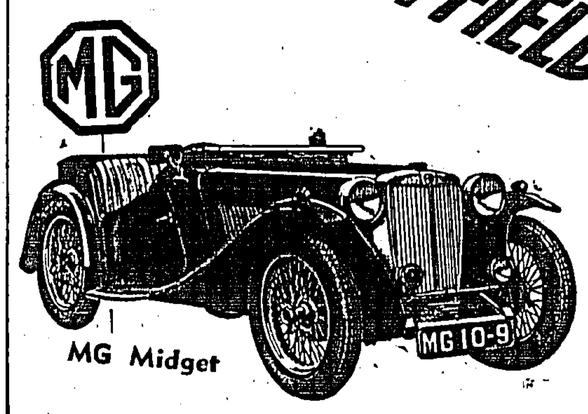

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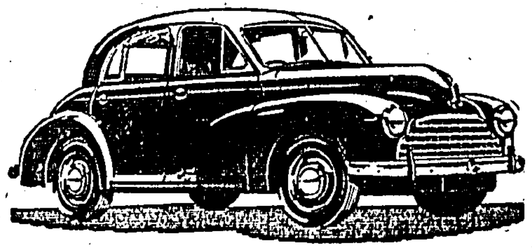

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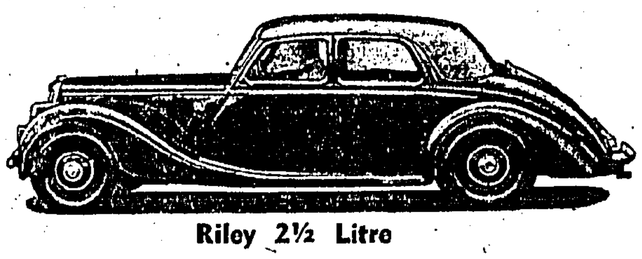

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JAPAN NOT IMPRESSED BY WAR CRIMES TRIAL

Tokyo, November 25.

Hideki Tojo and six others condemned to hang with him have only a few more hours in this world, but their trial and execution will not leave a very big impression upon the Japanese people.

The Japanese wrote them off long ago with a "What could you expect?" shrug of the shoulders.

So far as teaching the Japanese a lesson is concerned, the long expensive trial was almost a waste of money. The Japanese man in the street from the very first expected his war leaders to be shot by the victors. In his mind, a court martial and a quick firing squad would have served just as well.

Few Japanese really understood the long legal procedure of Western courts, and most Japanese intellectuals admit that Japan's masses failed to draw a moral from the trial.

But this does not mean that the Japanese are going to rush to war again soon. They couldn't if they wanted to, for General MacArthur has completely demilitarised this nation—what is left of it, that is.

One Lesson

The Japanese did learn one lesson, and they learned it the hard way.

Long after the Japanese masses have forgotten the International Military Tribunal for the Far East, they will be able vividly to picture in their minds such things as exploding atomic bombs, hundreds of death-dealing B-29's and cities laid waste from end to end.

Japanese willing to speak their minds admit that the Japanese masses in pre-war days had a more warlike spirit than other 'little men' in other countries. But most of that has been knocked out of them.

As one Japanese put it: "The Japanese were so far behind the rest of the world that they could not comprehend a Western trial and Western justice. They only understood the kind of hard blows that sergeants in the army give privates. Defeat in war was that kind of blow to the Japanese masses."

From watching and talking to Tojo and some of the others, I am convinced that the defendants never believed they were guilty of even the slightest wrong-doing.

Fatalist Attitude

Like the man in the street, they adopted the traditional Japanese "What can you do?" attitude of helplessness in the face of a tight situation.

So far as is know, none of the seven who will hang have left wills. They have shown a complete resignation to death. It is doubtful if any had any hopes that General MacArthur would mitigate their sentences.

To the end, Tojo has been willing to accept full responsibility for the war. The average Japanese is willing to grant him that privilege and then to forget him. If any Japanese remember Tojo, it probably will be with bitterness for the man who could not finish what he started.—United Press.

Daughters May Commit Suicide

Tokyo, November 24.

Friends of the former Premier, Koki Hirota, who is now awaiting execution with Tojo and five others are worried that Hirota's two daughters may commit suicide.

The daughters, Miyoko Hirota, 34, and Tokyoko Hirota, 31, who never missed day of the trial since it started on May 5, 1947 were severely shocked when they heard of General MacArthur's decision because they believed their father's sentence would at least be commuted to life imprisonment.

The United Press learned that Tadashi Hanae, one of the defence attorneys for Hirota, advised the girls not to take any drastic action and the girls promised they would not.

The girls, residing in Kugenuma beach resort, 20 miles South of Tokyo, went daily to the tribunal. They had passes because their brother, 36-year-old Masao Irota, was an assistant defence counsel and had priority claim to passes for attendants.—United Press.

Rain-Making To Save Rice

Manila, November 25.

The Government will soon undertake rain - making operations over the portion of Rizal Province adjoining Manila, where a drought is affecting the rice crop.

Operations may be extended to other rice-producing provinces on Luzon if necessary. Pellets of dry ice will be dropped into certain types of clouds over the designated area.

The Weather Bureau, Air Force and other offices are co-operating in the rain making efforts.—United Press.

BULL MASTIFF TURNS ON BOY

Croydon, November 25.

Detained in hospital at Carshalton, Surrey, after being badly bitten about the face and head yesterday by a 10-stone bull mastiff which his father had bought him as a pet, Michael Barrett, aged three, of Worcester Park, Surrey, was today stated to be in a "reasonably satisfactory" condition.

The dog has since been destroyed.—Reuter.

Italian Somaliland To Return To Italy?

London, November 25.

There are reliable grounds for believing that Britain and America have now agreed on certain proposals for the future of Italy's former African colonies.

An authoritative source says that Italy will have a trusteeship over Cyrenaica. Decision on Tripolitania has been deferred.

This source added that a final United States statement of views is still awaited in London and that reports of complete agreement between the two Governments are premature.

An agreement does not appear to have been reached so far on the future of Eritrea though Britain is understood to favour Ethiopian trusteeship at least for the Eastern part of the colony.

Discussions of the same subject have been held between other Western Union countries.

According to a usually reliable source France would now support a British trusteeship for Cyrenaica while unholding the Italian claims to the other territories concerned.

The future of the former Italian Empire is to be decided by the United Nations General Assembly in Paris next week.

The Senussi

If the Assembly decides on British trusteeship for Cyrenaica, it is suggested that the administration will not be modelled on that of a crown colony, but will permit an advanced degree of autonomy for the Senussi chief.

The two Cyrenaican delegates who will represent the Senussi arrived in London by air today from Benghazi.

They are to stay here until the Paris debate opens, being entertained during their stay by representatives of the War Office, representing the provisional British military administration.

A spokesman of the War Office said they are not guests of the British Government and that their visit to Paris is not taking place under British auspices.

Commenting on today's report of an Anglo-American agreement on the former Italian colonies, the right wing Rome newspaper, Giornale d'Italia, writes:

"It is Britain's intention to exclude Italy from any possible trusteeship.

"In fact, the British want to stop not only Italy as a power but also individual citizens returning.

"At the last moment the British call the Senussi to Paris before the United Nations Assembly. This is another coarse and brazen British manoeuvre."—Reuter.

GREEK PREMIER'S SERIOUS ILLNESS

Athens, November 24.

Dr. Themistocles Sophoulis, Greek Liberal Prime Minister, fainted in his office today. Doctors were summoned urgently.

The Premier, who is aged 88, was said to be suffering from pulmonary congestion and his condition was reported to be serious.

Dr. Sophoulis had only just taken up the Premiership again after his Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister, Dr. Constantin Tsaldaris, had failed to form a government.

A first-medical-report said that the Premier's blood pressure was normal, but his pulse was 120. Doctors said they feared further heart attacks.

News of the Premier's illness caused anxiety in the capital and members of the Cabinet hurried to his office.

Dr. Sophoulis, it was reported, felt tired and depressed after the Parliamentary debate which decided on Sunday the fate of his new coalition cabinet.

The Foreign Minister, Dr. Tsaldaris, who was flying to Paris tonight to resume his leadership of the Greek delegation to the United Nations, will be called back if the Premier's health takes a turn for the worse.—Reuter.

Adventist Missions To Close

Washington, November 24.

The General Conference of Adventists today disclosed that all Seventh Day Adventist missionaries in North and Central China are being evacuated at once.

Officials said that 27 missionary families are being sent to South China and three are being returned to the United States.

The information was contained in a cablegram from W.H. Branson of Shanghai, President of the Adventists' China Division. Mr. Branson said 55 other missionary families in South China were remaining at their posts.

Plans are being made to close the Far Eastern Academy, Adventist-run school in Shanghai, but the Adventists' Shanghai Sanitarium will continue to operate, according to Mr. Branson.—United Press.

Aid By U.S. In Dribbles

Iowa City, November 24.

American aid to China has been in dribbles and the results have been sporadic, said Dr T. Z. Koo, visiting Chinese lecturer.

Dr. Koo urged an immediate declaration of policy by the State Department that would strengthen morale and stabilise war-weary China in its long struggle against Communism.

China needs three things from America—a loan to stabilise the currency, military help and food he said.

"Unless China receives at least $1,500,000,000 from the United States, it is possible that the Communists Army will sweep through the rich industrial and agricultural area of Central and Southern China to the sea coast," he declared.—United Press.

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UKRAINE SMELLS OIL IN PALESTINE ISSUE

Paris, November 25.

Andrei Galagan of the Soviet Ukraine said today that British-American oil and military interests wrecked the United Nations partition plan for Palestine.

The Soviet bloc delegate told the General Assembly's number one Political Committee it should order out of Palestine troops from neighbouring states of Egypt, Transjordan, Syria, Lebanon and Iraq.

He said an independent Arab state should be set up alongside the new Jewish state of Israel and opposed giving the Arab section of the Holy Land to what he called the British puppet Transjordan.

British and American oil interests, Galagan said, have planned pipe lines in the Middle East that would be carrying 2,000,000 barrels of oil daily by 1952.

"It is essential for them to get Middle East oil," he said. "This may hold up a Palestine settlement. They have taken steps tantamount to wrecking the November 29, 1947 partition plan."

"Who are the genuine authors of the Bernadotte report?" he asked.

"Bernadotte Was Influenced"

The Ukrainian read reports which, he said, were from American magazines and newspapers. These, he said, claimed that Robert M. McClintock of the U.S. State Department and Sir John Troutbeck of the British Middle East Office in Cairo, visited Count Folke Bernadotte on Rhodes a few days before the late U.N. mediator was assassinated in Jerusalem in September.

Galagan said these accounts told how Bernadotte originally planned to give to Israel that part of the Negev desert in Southern Palestine in which there are Jewish settlements. Then McClintock and Troutbeck wrote into Bernadotte's recommendations the complete exclusion of the Jews from Negev, he said.

Bernadotte's Palestine report recommended that Negev, given to the Jews under the UN partition, be turned over to the Arabs instead. He suggested also that the Jews be given Western Galilee, originally assigned to the Arabs by the UN.

"British Agents"

A British resolution, now being debated by the committee, calls for putting the Bernadotte plan into effect.

Bernadotte also was under pressure from the United States and Britain to keep open the pipe lines and refinery in Haifa, Galagan said.

Galagan added "British agents such as Abdullah and Glubb Pasha provoked the invasion of Palestine to prevent partition by force of arms."

Abdullah is Transjordan's King and John Glubb Pasha is chief of the British-supported Transjordan Arab Legion.—Associated Press.

Templewood Plan For Air Force

London, November 24.

A former Conservative Air Minister, Viscount Templewood, urged in the House of Lords the formation of an Allied Air Force of 100 jet fighter squadrons, 150 squadrons of the latest types of long-range bombers, 50 pilotless rocket squadrons and 150 transport squadrons.

He said that with a fully equipped and manned force of this kind at the very beginning of a war the Allies could "stop and disorganise any attempted Russian advance across the Continent."

Lord Templewood was opening a debate on the state of the Royal Air Force.

"I do not question the fact that 20 atom bombs can do irretrievable damage to Russia, but for their effective use, supremacy in the air is essential," Lord Templewood said.

Lord Addison, replying for the Government, said that the negotiations for the conclusion of an Atlantic Defence Pact and bringing it into an effective working form are making good progress.

He continued: "How soon the preliminary consultations will be concluded I cannot say."—Reuter.

New Technique For Gallup

New York, November 24.

Dr. George Gallup, Director of the American Institute of Public Opinion, said today that he would use "some new techniques" in his next poll on the American elections.

His purpose is to avoid a repetition of this year's mistake over the re-election of President Truman.

Dr. Gallup said the new methods called for fuller information on voters who were not sure whether they would vote, or for whom they would vote. The innovations would also include the calling in of one Democrat and one Republican to present their views as to the meaning of the poll statistics.—Reuter.

Gibraltar To Have Legislature

London, November 24.

The colony of Gibraltar, at present administered by a Governor aided by an Executive Council, is to have a Legislature as soon as the necessary constitutional instrument can be prepared.

The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, told Parliament that the Legislature would consist of the Governor as President, three ex-officio Members, three Honorary Members and five unofficial elected Members.

The Constitution would contain provision for legislation commonly used in colonial constitutions, including reserving power to the Governor to pass into law any measure or expedient which, in his opinion, is in the interest of public order, good government or defence.

At present, the power of legislation is vested in the Governor, who is also General Officer Commanding the local garrison.—Reuter.

There Will Be No Charge

Akron, November 24.

A tonsillectomy patient and a gland patient were waiting to enter the operating room at a hospital here.

The orderly wheeled the gland patient into the wrong room and the surgeon promptly removed the patient's tonsils.

An embarrassed hospital official apologised, but blamed the doctor, nurse and orderly for the mix-up. Now the patient must wait until she recovers from the wrong operation before she can undergo the proper one for the removal of a cyst.

The hospital says there will be no charge for the wrong extraction. — United Press.

TT CLAUSE IN CONSTITUTION

New Delhi, November 24.

The Indian Constituent Assembly today voted an additional clause to the draft Constitution saying: "The State shall endeavour to bring about a prohibition of the consumption of intoxicating drinks and drugs which are injurious to health except for medicinal purposes."

Another amendment suggesting the prohibition of tobacco was rejected.—Reuter.

Britain Changes Palestine Policy

Paris, November 25.

Britain said last night that she had revised her Palestine proposals in an effort to meet the American objections.

A spokesman said that Britain had accepted the U.S. recommendation that Jews and Arabs be allowed to work out a mutually acceptable settlement on boundaries.

Britain originally proposed that the United Nations Assembly approve the Bernadotte Plan which recommended that Israel give the Negev Desert to the Arabs in return for Western Galilee.

The revised resolution seemed to rule out any arbitrary changes in the boundaries of Israel by the present Assembly session.

The British insisted, however, that a proposed conciliation Commission be told to fix the boundaries "on the specific conclusions" of Count Folke Bernadotte.

The British spokesman said the revisions were worked out in consultation with American officials. An American spokesman declined to comment.

Arab Discussions

The British spokesman said Britain had accepted, in general the U.S. definition of the functions of the projected conciliation commission, whose job would be to seek a Jewish-Arab settlement.

The British move was disclosed after representatives of White Russia and the Soviet Ukraine continued the Soviet bloc attack on British and American Palestine policy.

They spoke in the Political Committee, where Britain is to make a new declaration on Thursday.

Meanwhile, representatives of the Arab countries here met privately, Arab sources said, and decided to send a delegate to Cairo to talk with Egyptian and Arab league leaders on future policy.—Associated Press.

BRITISH LABOUR HELPS FRANCE

Paris, November 24.

The British Labour Party has contributed 531,000 francs to the funds of Le Populaire, the French Socialist Party organ, a representative of the newspaper administration said today. It was paid several weeks ago, he said.

A Socialist deputy, M. Augustin Laurent, said in the National Assembly last night that his party had received 414,000 francs from Belgian, Italian and Swiss Socialist parties and hoped to receive further help from Scandinavia.—Reuter.

Communism Seeps Into The TUC

London, November 24.

The Trades Union Congress today called upon all affiliated unions to investigate the extent to which Communist interference has already gone in their trades and industries.

The Council of the TUC, in a statement circulated after a two-hours special meeting to discuss Communist activity, said: "It is known that there are Communist Party industrial committees in the railways, transport, cotton, mining, mercantile marine and other industries and trades.

"From these committees the Communist Party secures information on which the party frames its industrial policy and tactics which are used as the basis of instruction and propaganda directed at all levels inside the unions."

The Council said Communist conspiratorial work in the unions had grown recently and the Communist had become more audacious in their efforts to shape union policy in accordance with decisions taken outside the Movement.

The Council continued: "Since the advent of the Labour Government, the Communist Party have, by successive stages, enlarged the basis of their opposition to the Government, until now the whole policy of the Government is under criticism by them."

Two committees of the Council will keep the Communist activities under constant review and make recommendations to combat infiltration and interference in trade union policy from outside the Movement and even outside the country.

The statement referred to the necessity of safeguarding trades councils (local bodies, existing in almost every district, composed of delegates appointed by affiliated unions).

The Council intends to repudiate the claim to speak in the name of the Movement of any unionists invited as individuals to attend foreign conferences.—Reuter.

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"TJIBADAK"	from Macassar & Javaports 27th November.	to Javaports & Macassar 3rd February.
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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

PRICE INCREASES IN SHANGHAI FORCE WORKERS INTO RACKETS

Shanghai, November 25.

A surge of price increases following abolition of price controls has forced thousands of wage earners into one or the other of the city's numerous rackets.

An estimated 800,000 salaried workers had their wages frozen on August 19. Other workers on a day-to-day basis were able to revise their scale of charges with each new boost in the cost of living.

With prices today at least 10 times higher than on August 19, some salaried workers receive in buying power less than one-tenth of what they received three months ago.

The rackets range from out-and-out black marketeering to merely selling on the open market merchandise rationed to them by the firms they work for.

With salaries in many cases now insufficient to furnish some workers with a single meal a day, many have turned to such rackets as "yellow ox" operations. This simply means queueing up early at shops or entertainment centres, buying up goods or tickets at official prices, and then selling such items to others unable to spare the hours of waiting required.

Foreign Currencies

Other rackets include black market operations in foreign currencies which require much more shrewdness, a long list of connections, and a certain amount of capital.

Another racket is the transferring of goods from one place to another. Practically all consumer goods have a much higher value in the countryside immediately outside Shanghai. Passengers out of Shanghai, carrying cigarettes, rubber shoes, raincoats and other items needed by the peasants, are able to make a living bartering them for rice, pork and other foodstuffs which, in turn, fetch a higher price inside the city.

Simple though they may seem, these activities are frequently more profitable than a straight skinny and many of Shanghai's working class have abandoned jobs and gone into this form of committing.

From Hong Kong

The difference between this type of racketeering and big time operations is only in scope and capital involved—large operators smuggle foreign currency out of Shanghai to bring back whisky, cosmetics and other banned luxury goods, largely from Hong Kong.

Another type of racketeering, which is not so much racketeering as taking advantage of the great discrepancy between official prices and prices on the open market, is the selling of goods legally rationed to employees by the companies they work for.

Oil companies, cigarette companies, mills and other producers and distributors ration a certain amount of their own stock of goods to their employees each month to offset rising prices. The employees, rather than use these items themselves, re-sell them on the open market.

Whatever form it may take, today there is a racket going on in practically every large concern in the city—even though it is only selling the paper from the wastepaper baskets, which often may not enough to pay the expenses of two or three coolies. —Associated Press.

London Stock Exchange

London, November 24.

Major price movements today were conspicuous by their absence. Values in most sections held steady despite idleness. There was a small demand for British Government medium dated securities and these recorded fractional gains.

Although the figures are not yet known, it is believed that the recent issue of the £5,000,000 loan by the Rhodesian Government attracted more than £20,000,000.

Quiet firmness existed in tobaccos and textiles, but transport shares were mostly a little easier. The maintained interim dividend of 1/6 by Venezuelan Oil Concessions was in accordance with market expectations. The price, however, moved lower in the generally easier oil section.

Foreign bonds were without quotable alteration. Foreign rails were slightly easier where changed.

Interest in minings was on a smaller scale than yesterday. Coppers inclined lower on disappointment at the recent dividends but only a few shares changed hands. South African producers were dull but among non-producers Geoffries met renewed demand.

Among miscellaneous mines, Burma Corporations were strong at 6/- on support reported to have been on United States account.

SECURITIES:	
British Consols, 2½%	80⅛
Conversion Loan, 2½%, 1961	106-9/16
Funding Loan, 4%, 1960/90	113⅞
War Loan, 3½%, 1952	103-9/16
War Loan, 3½%	105-13/16
Victory Bonds, 4%	126-1/16
INDUSTRIALS:	
British American Tobacco (of G.B. & Ireland)	5⅝
Imperial Chemical Industries ord.	48/10½
Imperial Tobacco Co. (of G.B. & Ireland)	6-21/32
TEA SHARES:	
Assam Consolidated Tea	21/6
Assam Frontier Tea	15/3
Assam Tea Company	22/9
Doars Tea Company	27/-
Emp. of India & Ceylon Tea Co.	16/-
Imperial Tea Company	28/3
MINE SHARES:	
Burma Corp.	6/0
Crown Mines	3-11/16
Nundydroog Mines	10/7½
Rand Mines	5
Spring Mines	7/7½
Sub Nigels	4
Tavoy Tin Co.	1/3
Union Corporation	208/3
OIL SHARES:	
Royal Dutch Co.	24⅝
Shell Transport & Trading Co.	8⅞
SHIPPING:	
P. & O. Steam Navig. Co., ord.	55/-
GILTEDGED:	
Funding Loan, 4%	108⅞
National War Bonds, 2½%:	
1949/51	100-10/16
1952/54	103⅛
1954/56	102⅝
1951/53	102-9/16
Savings Bonds, 3%	
1955/65	104⅜
1960/70	103-5/16
1965/75	102⅜
Exchequer Bonds, 1½%, 1950	100-13/16
FOREIGN BONDS:	
German Loan (Dawes) 7%	7⅝
Japanese 5%, 1907/47	23½
Japanese 5%, 1924/59	23½
Jap. S. Manchurian Rly., 5%, 1928	18
BANKS:	
Chartered Bank of I.A. & C.	11¾
Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank	102
Mercantile Bank of India "A"	21

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CHINESE EXTERNAL LOANS:	
Tientsin-Pukow Railway, 5%	9
Lung-Tsing-U-Haif Rly., 5%	9
Kuang Loan, 6% Lon. Issue, 1913	12
Crisp Loan, 5%, 1912	12
Hukuang Railways, 5%, 1911	9
Honan Railway, 5%, 1905	9
Shanghai Nanking Rly., 5%	9
Kowloon Canton Railways, 5% Sterling Bonds	11

—Reuter.

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Hong Kong Stock Exchange

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Bank of East Asia 141b.

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Union Ins. 735n.
China Underwriters 5.90n.
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" (Def.) 255n.
Shells (Bearer) 77/6n.
Union Waterboats 37½n.

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" (New) 132n.
North Point Wharves 7½n.
Sh. Hongkew Wharves 34n.
H.K. Docks 29n.
China Providents 20n.
Shanghai Dockyards 15½n.

MINING:
Raub Mines 6½n.
H.K. Mines .035n.

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H. & S. Hotels 13.85b, 14.25n, 13.90sa.
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Shanghai Lands 3.60b, 4n, 3.80/.60sa.
Humphreys (X Rts.) 17½n.
" (Rights) 6½n.
H.K. Realties 18n.
Chinese Estates 170n.

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" (New) 11n.
Star Ferries 135b, 135n, 135/34sa.
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" (Rights) 10n.
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" (New) 14n.
Matsman Investments 13/8n.
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Dominion Rubbers 2n.
Kota Bahroe 2n.
Padang Rubbers 1n.
Rubber Trusts 3⅛s.
Samagasa Rubbers 1.10n.
Shanghai Pahang 2n.
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Money Market

Gold had another quiet day yesterday with rates on the weak side.

Opening at HK$293.12½ a tael, it dropped to $290.25. In the afternoon it recovered to $291, and closed at $293.25.

U.S. Dollars dropped to HK$5.09 in the morning and closed at $5.10. The rate for TT was $5.14.

Gold Yuan also headed downwards and closed at 18¾ cents after opening at 21 cents.

Canton remittances dropped to 19¼ cents and Shanghai remittances to 12½ cents.

Piastres opened at HK$0.62½ a 100, and remained unchanged throughout the day.

Ticals were unchanged at HK$25.90 a 100.

NEI Guilders continued the downgrade yesterday. Opening at HK$35, it dropped to $34.20 at the close.

Sterling was unchanged at HK$15.40, as were also Australian pounds at HK$12.54.

NY RUBBER

New York, November 24.

Crude rubber standard futures closed 55 to 60 lower. Sales 35 contracts. December 19.00 bid; March 18.35 bid.

Crude rubber No. 1 futures closed 50 to 65 lower. Sales 102 contracts. March 18/55! May 18/40; July 18.20-40; September 18.15 bid.

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U.S. HOLIDAY

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"HANYANG"	Swatow	10 a.m. 28th Nov. *
"KWEIYANG"	Swatow, Hoihow, Saigon Singapore, Macassar, Sourabaya, Semarang & Batavia	noon 26th Nov.
"POYANG"	Takao, Yokohama, Nagoya & Kobe	4 p.m. 30th Nov.
"SHENKING"	Shanghai	4 p.m. 30th Nov. *
"SZECHUEN"	Amoy, Foochow & (Tientsin?)	10 a.m. 30th Nov.
"NEWCHWANG"	Bangkok	4 p.m. 30th Nov.
"HUPEH"	Inchon & Tientsin	1st Dec.
"SINKIANG"	Singapore, Palembang, Sibu & Miri	5th Dec.
"YUNNAN"	Japan	11th Dec.

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ARRIVALS FROM

"POYANG"	Singapore	2 a.m. 27th Nov.
"HANYANG"	Swatow	10 a.m. 26th Nov.
"SZECHUEN"	Sibu & Sapu Point	9 a.m. 26th Nov.
"SHENGKING"	Shanghai & Keelung	7 a.m. 27th Nov.
"HUPEH"	Tientsin & Pusan	28th Nov.
"TSINAN"	Shanghai	28th Nov.
"NEWCHWANG"	Swatow	30th Nov.
"HEINRICH JESSEN"	Singapore, Saigon & Hoihow	2nd Dec.
"YUNNAN"	Bangkok, Saigon & Swatow	7th Dec.

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"ATREUS"	—— " ——	15th Dec.
"AGAPENOR"	—— " ——	22nd Dec.

Sailings to

"CALCHAS"	Shanghai & Japan	5th Dec.
"SARPEDON"	Shanghai	7th Dec.
"SARPEDON"	Liverpool & Glasgow via Port Said	18th Dec.
"AGAPENOR"	—— " ——	1st week Jan.

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Arrivals from

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Sailings to

"SHANSI"	Sandakan, Brisbane Sydney & Melbourne	noon 26th Nov.
"CHANGTE"	Sydney Melbourne & Brisbane	2nd Dec.

Arrivals from

"CHANGTE"	Japan	30th Nov.
"SOOCHOW"	Australia & Manila	about 21st Dec.
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Arrivals

TODAY

CNAC ex-Shanghai: 11.45 a.m.; Chungking, Canton: 5.45 p.m.; Shanghai, Foochow, Amoy: 2.20 p.m.; Amoy, Swatow: 7 a.m., 12.10 p.m.; Canton: 7.20 a.m., 9.45 a.m., 1.15 p.m., 3.40 p.m.

CATC ex-Kunming via Liuchow, Canton: 6.30 p.m.

H.K. AIRWAYS ex-Canton: 9.40 a.m., 11.40 a.m., 2.40 p.m.; Manila: 2.30 p.m.

CPA ex-Manila: 7 a.m.

AIR FRANCE ex-Shanghai: 5 p.m.

TOMORROW

CNAC ex-Shanghai: 11.45 a.m., Taipeh, Swatow: 4 p.m.; Shanghai, Foochow, Canton: 2.45 p.m.; Amoy, Swatow: 12.30 p.m., 6.05 p.m.; Canton: 9.25 a.m., 11.50 a.m., 3.20 p.m., 5.45 p.m.

CATC ex-Taipeh via Amoy, Swatow: 4.20 p.m.; Nanking, Canton: 6.30 p.m.

H.K. AIRWAYS ex-Canton: 9.40 a.m., 11.40 a.m., 2.40 p.m., 4.40 p.m.

PAN-AMERICAN ex-San Francisco, Honolulu, Wake, Tokyo, Shanghai: 3.15 p.m.; Bangkok: 4.20 p.m.

BOAC ex-Singapore: 4.30 p.m.

AIR FRANCE ex-Saigon: 2 p.m.

SUNDAY

CNAC ex-Shanghai: 10.25 a.m.; San Francisco: 3 a.m.; Shanghai via Canton, Swatow, Amoy: 8 a.m.; Amoy, Swatow: 12.30 p.m., 6.05 p.m.; Canton: 9.25 a.m., 11.50 a.m., 3.20 p.m., 5.45 p.m.

CATC ex-Chungking via Canton: 2.15 p.m.

CPA ex-Manila: 7 a.m.; Singapore via Bangkok: 3 p.m.

H.K. AIRWAYS ex-Canton: 9.40 a.m., 11.40 a.m., 2.40 p.m., 4.40 p.m.

BOAC ex-Tokyo, Iwakuni: 3 p.m.

AIR FRANCE ex-Hanoi, Haiphong: 5 p.m.

Departures

TODAY

CNAC for Shanghai: 12.45 p.m.; Chungking, Canton: 7.30 a.m.; Amoy, Swatow: 7 a.m., 12.10 p.m.; Canton: 7.20 a.m., 9.45 a.m., 1.15 p.m., 3.40 p.m.

CATC for Kunming: 7 a.m.

H.K. AIRWAYS for Canton: 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m.

BOAC for Iwakuni, Tokyo: 6.30 a.m.; for Bangkok, Southampton: 7.45 a.m.; for Singapore: 8 a.m.

AIR FRANCE for Shanghai: 7 a.m.

TOMORROW

CNAC for Shanghai: 11.15 a.m.; Taipeh, Swatow: 4 p.m.; Shanghai via Canton, Foochow: 2.45 p.m.; Amoy, Swatow: 12.30 p.m., 6.05 p.m.; Canton: 9.25 a.m., 11.50 a.m., 3.20 p.m., 5.45 p.m.

CATC for Taipeh via Swatow, Amoy: 8 a.m.; Nanking via Canton: 6.30 a.m.

CPA for Manila: 2.30 p.m.

H.K. AIRWAYS for Canton: 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m.; Shanghai: 10 a.m.

PAN-AMERICAN Manila, Guam, Wake, Midway, Honolulu, San Francisco: 4.15 p.m.; Bangkok, Calcutta, Karachi, Istanbul, London, New York: 3 p.m.; Shanghai, Tokyo, Wake, Honolulu, San Francisco: 5.30 p.m.

BOAC for Singapore: 9 a.m.

BRAATHEN for Bangkok, Oslo: 8 a.m.

SUNDAY

CNAC for Kunming, Rangoon: 11.25 a.m.; Shanghai: 10 a.m.; Canton, Swatow, Amoy: 6.40 a.m.; Taipeh, Shanghai: 8 a.m.; Swatow, Amoy: 7 a.m., 12.10 p.m.; Canton: 7.20 a.m., 9.45 a.m., 1.15 p.m., 3.40 p.m.

CATC for Chungking via Canton: 7 a.m.

H.K. AIRWAYS for Canton: 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

BOAC for Iwakuni: 6.30 a.m. (2 days later).

AIR FRANCE for Saigon: 8 a.m.

POST OFFICE

MAIL NOTICE

SURFACE MAIL TO THE UNITED KINGDOM

An outward sea mail per ss. Carthage to the United Kingdom will be closed as follows:—

November 26

G.P.O.—Parcels 40 a.m., Reg. 11.30 a.m., Ord. 12 (Noon).

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This mail is expected to arrive at London on or about December 26, 1948.

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26.

Closing Times by Air

Canton, (Kowloon C.P.O.) 9 a.m., Noon, 2 p.m.; (G.P.O.) 8.30 a.m., 11.30 a.m., 1.30 p.m.

Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 8.30 a.m., (Ord.) 9 a.m.

Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin and Peiping; Airmail for Swatow and Amoy; Airmail for Taipeh, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Manila, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Canada, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Air Parcel Posts for Manila, Honolulu and U.S.A., (Kowloon C.P.O.) 4.30 p.m., (Hong Kong G.P.O.) 5 p.m.

Ordinary Airmail (printed matters, samples and small packet posts) for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A., (Kowloon C.P.O.) 4.30 p.m., (Hong Kong G.P.O.) 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea

Straits, Ceylon, India, Madagascar, East and South Africa, Bombay, Aden, Egypt and Europe via London, (Par.) 10 a.m., (Reg.) 11.30 a.m., (Ord.) Noon.

Sandakan and Brisbane, 10 a.m.

Saigon, 10 a.m.

Haiphong, 10 a.m.

Swatow, Noon.

Bangkok, Noon.

Batavia, Sourabaya and Macassar, 1 p.m.

Japan, Canada via Vancouver B.C. and U.S.A., Central and South America via Tacoma, (Par.) and Reg.) 2.30 p.m., (Ord.) 3 p.m.

Shipping Arrivals

YESTERDAY

FENGTIEN (B. & S.), British, 1,891 tons, ex-Swatow, J. McKinlay . . Hs
MAXWELL BRANDER (Shal On), British, 2,389 tons, ex-Singapore, H.S. Lennara A1

TODAY

FLYING ARROW (Pattison) ex-Atlantic Coast.
HANYANG (B. & S.) ex-Swatow.
MANDO (M.M.) ex-Europe.
MARQUETTE VICTORY (Gilman) ex-Atlantic Coast.
SZECHUEN (B. & S.) ex-Sebu.
TASMAN (R.I.L.) ex-Amoy.
TURKSHEAD (Everett) ex-Amoy.
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TOMORROW

EASTERN SAGA (Jardine) ex-Straits.
GERTRUDE MAERSK (Jebsen) ex-Atlantic Coast.
GLENARTNEY (Jardine) ex-New York.
POYANG (B. & S.) ex-Singapore.
SHENGKING (B. & S.) ex-Shanghai.
TJIBADAK (R.I.L.) ex-Java Ports.

Shipping Departures

YESTERDAY

EMPIRE FARRAR (Wallem) for Bangkok
GLENOGLE (B. & S.) for Shanghai.
HAI YANG (Douglas) for Swatow.
MORELIA (E.A. Co.) for Yokohama

TODAY

CARTHAGE (Mac. Mac.) for Straits, India and Europe.
SHANSI (B. & S.) for Sydney.
TJISADANE (R.I.L.) for Sandakan.

TOMORROW

FENGTIEN (B. & S.) for Singapore.
FLYING ARROW (Pattison) for S'hai.
HAI HSIA (C.M.S.N.) for Singapore.
HAI TAI (C.M.S.N.) for Haiphong.
HUNAN (B. & S.) for Inchon.
KUTSANG (Jardine) for Calcutta.
TASMAN (R.I.L.) for Amoy.

Vessels In Port

ANAKAN (Grimble)	K. Dk.
DONTEKOE (R.I.O.)	Talkoo Dk.
BRYNJE (Gilman)	S.C.
BUSHWOOD (Mac. Mac.)	K. Dk
CALTEX (Caltex)	K. Dk.
CARTHAGE (P. & O.)	K. Whf.
DAVIKEN (B. & S.)	Talkoo Dk.
EMPIRE PARK (Jebsen)	Y.M.T.
FENGTIEN (B. & S.)	B3
FUKWANG (A.P.C.)	Port Office.
HAI SIU (C.M.S.N.)	S.C.
HAI LEE (Thoresen)	K. Dk.
HAI TAI (C.M.S.N.)	C.M. Whf.
HAI TAN (Douglas)	K. Dk.
HALEAKALA (De La Rama), T.K.	Dk
HELIKON (Wo Fat Shg)	B11
HUNAN (B. & S.)	A13
HUNG HAO (H.D. Co.)	K. Dk.
INCHCRAG (Williamson)	K. Dk.
KIANG YONG (Gilman)	Ymt.
KUT SANG (Jardine)	K. Dk.
KWEIYANG (B. & S.)	Talkoo Dk
LOUIS MOLLER (Mollers)	K. Dk.
MASBATE (S China)	L.C.K.
MAXWELL BRANDER (S.T.O.)	A11
MELCHIOR TERUD (R.I.L.)	L.C.K.
NEWCHANG (B. & S.)	B4
NGO WEI (C.M.S.N.)	S.S. Po
NORTH STAR (Mollers)	K. Bay
POLTAVA (Wallem)	K.B.
SAN MIGUEL (Manners)	L.C.K.
SEKSTAN (Wallem)	Y.M.T.
SHANSI (B. & S.)	B14
SHIH MEN (Dodwell)	Y.M.T.
STORE NORDISKE (Easter Ext.)	H.H.
TAIKINSHAN (Shun Cheong)	Yau
TAICHUNGSHAN (Sun Cheong)	T. Dk.
TALTHYBIUS (B. & S.)	K. Bay
TJISADANE (R.I.L.)	A7
WHANGPU (B. & S.)	S.C.
WUCHANG (B. & S.)	S.C

VESSELS DUE FROM

AFRICA

	Dec.
TEGELBERG (R.I.L.) ex-S. Africa	3
	Jan.
RUYS (R.I.L.) ex-S. Africa	12
	Feb.
STRAAT MALAKKA (R.I.L.) ex-S. Africa	23

AMERICA

ATLANTIC COAST

	Nov.
AGAMEMON (B. & S.) ex-N.Y.	25
CHINESE PRINCE (Jardine) ex-New York	29
FLYING ARROW (Pattison) ex-New York	26
GERTRUDE MAERSK (Jebsen) ex-New York	27
MARQUETTE VICTORY (Gilman) ex-Atlantic Coast	26
STAGHOUND (U.S.L.) ex-New York	30
SVEN SALEN (Hunt) ex-Atlantic Coast	29
TALISMAN (Dodwell) ex-Atlantic Coast	End
	Dec.
DONA NATI (Rama) ex-Atlantic Coast	10
FERNCAPE (Thoresen) ex-Atlantic Coast	12
FERNHILL (Thoresen) ex-Atlantic Coast	18
GRANVILLE (Thoresen) ex-Atlantic Coast	3
GREEN BAY VICTORY (U.S.L.) ex-New York	8
ISLANDSIDE (Dwell) ex-Montreal	Early
MAGNOLIA STATE (Gourlie) ex-New York	8
MARCHEN MAERSK (Jebsen) ex-New York	12
PIONEER BAY (U.S.L.) ex-New York	6
RESOLUTE (U.S.L.) ex-Atlantic Ports	12
RHEXENOR (B. & S.) ex-U.S.A.	21
SILVERBRIAR (R.I.L.) ex-U.S.A.	17
STAGHOUND (U.S.L.) ex-New York	17
STEEL MAKER (Gilman) ex-Atlantic	26
TOSCA (Hunt) ex-Atlantic Coast, Late	
WILLAMETTE VICTORY (A.P.L.) ex-N.Y.	12
	Jan.
FERNPLANT (Thoresen) ex-U.S.A.	22
FERNGULF (Thoresen) ex-Atlantic Coast	12
	Feb.
MANDEVILLE (Thoresen) ex-U.S.A.	5
	Mar.
FERNMOOR (Thoresen) ex-Atlantic Coast	5

PACIFIC COAST

	Dec.
CASTLEVILLE (Bank Line) ex-Pacific Coast	8
ROSEVILLE (Bank) ex-Pacific Coast	24

AUSTRALIA

	Dec.
NELLORE (E. & A.) ex-Australia	9
PRODUCE (B. & S.) ex-Australia	21
SOOCHOW (B. & S.) ex-Australia	21
	Jan.
AROS (Dodwell) ex-Australia	Mid
	Feb.
CITOS (Dodwell) ex-Australia	Early

CHINA

	Nov.
HANYANG (B. & S.) ex-Swatow	26
HUPEH (B. & S.) ex-Tientsin	28
LOKSANG (Jardine) ex-Shanghai	30
NEWCHANG (B. & S.) ex-Swatow	30
SHENGKING (B. & S.) ex-Shanghai	27
TASMAN (R.I.L.) ex-Amoy	26
TSINAN (B. & S.) ex-Shanghai	28
TURKSHEAD (Everett) ex-Amoy	26
	Dec.
FREDERICK LYKES (A.P.L.) ex-Shanghai	Early
HINSANG (Jardine) ex-Shanghai	1
LENEVERETT (Everett) ex-Shanghai	10
SANGOLA (B.I.) ex-Amoy	29
SOUDAN (P. & O.) ex-Shanghai and Japan	21
TASMAN (R.I.L.) ex-Amoy	6
TJIKAMBEK (R.I.L.) ex-Shanghai	10
	Jan.
SIRDHANA (B.I.) ex-Shanghai	23
	Feb.
SHIRALA (B.I.) ex-Amoy	9

EUROPE

	Nov.
BENARES (Gilman) ex-Europe	30
BENNEVIS (Loxley) ex-U.K.	29
GLENARTNEY (Jardine) ex-N.Y.	27
MANDO (M.M.) ex-Europe	26
SARPEDON (B. & S.) ex-U.K.	29
	Dec.
AGAPENOR (B. & S.) ex-U.K.	22
ATREUS (B. & S.) ex-U.K.	15
BENARTY (Loxley) ex-U.K.	Early
BENLOMOND (Loxley) ex-U.K.	End
BENVRACKIE (Loxley) ex-U.K.	End
CALCHAS (B. & S.) ex-U.K.	2
CHARTOLLION (M.M.) ex-Europe	End
EURYMEDON (B. & S.) ex-U.K.	3
GLENROY (Jardine) ex-Europe	7
GLENERCHY (Jardine) ex-U.K.	22
GRONLAND (M.M.) ex-Europe	20
MOLENKERK (R.I.L.) ex-U.K.	5
TREVANION (P. & O.) ex-U.K.	15
VIVITA (Thoresen) ex-U.K.	7
	Jan.
BRECONSHIRE (Jardine) ex-U.K.	30
BENVRACKIE (Loxley) ex-U.K.	Mid
CANTON (P. & O.) ex-London	17
GLENEARN (Jardine) ex-U.K.	11
BENLOMOND (Loxley) ex-U.K.	Mid
MALACCA (E.A.C.) ex-Europe	Mid
MEERKERK (R.I.L.) ex-Europe	Early
SURAT (P. & O.) ex-London via Straits	2
TOMAR (Thoresen) ex-Europe	Mid
TREVEAN (P. & O.) ex-Europe	5
	Feb.
CARTHAGE (P. & O.) ex-Europe	14
GLENGAIRY (Jardine) ex-U.K.	20
MONGOLIA (E.A.C.) ex-Europe	Mid
TREVELYAN (P. & O.) ex-London	Early
	Mar.
CORFU (P. & O.) ex-Europe	8

INDIA

	Dec.
SANGOLA (B.I.) ex-Calcutta	10
TAKSANG (Jardine) ex-Calcutta	13
WOSANG (Jardine) ex-India	2
	Jan.
CANTON (P. & O.) ex-Bombay	17
ex-Calcutta	17
SIRDHANA (B.I.) ex-India and Straits	4

JAPAN

	Nov.
CHANGTE (B. & S.) ex-Japan	30
	Dec.
CHAKSANG (Jardine) ex-Japan Port	9
EASTERN (E. & A.) ex-Japan	10
EASTERN SAGA (Jardine) ex-Japan	28
FREDERICK LYKES (A.P.L.) ex-Japan	Early
SANGOLA (B.I.) ex-Japan, Amoy	29
SIRDHANA (B.I.) ex-Japan, Shanghai	23
SOUDAN (P. & O.) ex-Japan	21
TJIKAMPEK (R.I.L.) ex-Japan	10
	Feb.
SHIRALA (B.I.) ex-Japan	9

SOUTH-EAST PORTS

	Nov.
EASTERN SAGA (Jardine) ex-Straits	27
POYANG (B. & S.) ex-Singapore	27
ST. MICHAEL (M.M.) ex-Saigon	29
SZECHUEN (B. & S.) ex-Sebu	26
TJIBADAK (R.I.L.) ex-Java Ports	27
VAN RIEMSDYK (R.I.L.) ex-Straits	26
WOSANG (Jardine) ex-Straits	30
	Dec.
BRADEVERETT (Everett) ex-Singapore	8
HEINRICH JESSEN (B. & S.) ex-Singapore	2
MAUSANG (Jardine) ex-Sandakan	4
NOREVERETT (Everett) ex-Manila	3
SANGOLA (B.I.) ex-Straits	10
TAKSANG (Jardine) ex-Straits	18
TJITJALENGKA (R.I.L.) ex-Java Ports	21
	Jan.
CANTON (P. & O.) ex-Straits	17
SHIRALA (B.I.) ex-Straits	17
YUNAN (B. & S.) ex-Bangkok	7

SOUTH AMERICA

	Dec.
TEGELBERG (R.I.L.) ex-S. America	3
	Jan.
RUYS (R.I.L.) ex-S. America	12
	Feb.
STRAAT MALAKKA (R.I.L.) ex-S. America	23

SAILINGS TO

AFRICA

Dec.	
14	TJIKAMPEK (R.I.L.) for S. Africa.
Jan.	
14	TEGELBERG (R.I.L.) for S. Africa and S. America.
Feb.	
16	RUYS (R.I.L.) for S. Africa.
Mar.	
15	STRAAT MALAKKA (R.I.L.) for S. Africa.

AMERICA

ATLANTIC COAST

Nov.	
29	TITANIA (Dodwell) for Atlantic Coast.
30	MARQUETTE VICTORY (Gilman) for Atlantic Coast.
Late.	BRYNJE (Hans) for Atlantic Coast.
Late.	CHINESE PRINCE (Jardine) for New York.
Dec.	
1	AXEL SALEN (Hunt) for Atlantic Coast.
6	AGAMEMNON (B. & S.) for Atlantic Ports.
7	PIONEER BAY (U.S.L.) for New York.
9	LAURA MAERSK (Jebsen) for New York.
13	FERNCAPE (Thoresen) for Atlantic Coast.
13	WILLAMETTE VICTORY (A.P.L.) for U.S.A.
14	BORGHOLT (Wallem) for Atlantic Coast.
18	SILVERBRIAR (R.I.L.) for Atlantic Coast.
18	TALISMAN (Dodwell) for Atlantic Coast.
18	STAGHOUND (U.S.L.) for New York
20	BORGHOLT (Wallem) for Atlantic Coast.
21	BONA NATI (Rama) for Atlantic Coast.
24	ANDREW JACKSON (Wallem) for New York.
28	SANTA CLARA VICTORY (Gilman) for Atlantic Coast.
31	GREENBAY VICTORY (U.S.L.) for Atlantic Coast.
31	GERTRUDE MAERSK (Jebsen) for New York.
8.	LA SALLE (Wallem) for New York.
13	FERNGULF (Thoresen) for Atlantic Coast.
28	NYEKA (Wallem) for New York.
Feb.	
6	MANDEVILLE (Thoresen) for U.S.A.

PACIFIC COAST

Nov.	
29	TITANIA (Dodwell) for Pacific Coast
Dec.	
12	PARAMATTA (Wallem) for Pacific Coast.
18	TALISMAN (Dodwell) for Pacific Coast.
Jan.	
9	VITO (Wallem) for Pacific Coast.

AUSTRALIA

Nov.	
26	SHANSI (B. & S.) for Sydney, Melbourne.
Dec.	
2	CHANGTE (B. & S.) for Australian ports.
7	BALUCHISTAN (Jardine) for Australia.
11	EASTERN (E. & A.) for Australia.
Jan.	
Early.	NELLOR (E. & A.) for Australia.

CHINA

Nov.	
27	FLYING ARROW (Pattison) for Shanghai and Japan.
27	HUNAN (B. & S.) for Inchon.
27	TASMAN (R.I.L.) for Amoy.
28	HANYANG (B. & S.) for Swatow.
28	TURKSHEAD (Everett) for Shanghai
29	HAIYANG (Douglas) for Swatow.
29	EASTERN SAGA (Jardine) for S'hai.
30	SHENGKING (B. & S.) for S'hai.
30	SZECHUEN (B. & S.) for Amoy, Foochow.
Dec.	
1	HUPEH (B. & S.) for Inchon.
3	WOSANG (Jardine) for Shanghai.
5	CALCHAS (B. & S.) for Shanghai and Japan.
5	MOLENKERK (R.I.L.) for Shanghai and Japan.
7	SARPEDON (B. & S.) for Shanghai.
10	BRADEVERETT (Everett) for S'hai.
10	NELLORE (E.A.) for Shanghai and Japan.
13	SANGOLA (B.I.) for Shanghai, Amoy.
16	TAKSANG (Jardine) for Shanghai.
End.	CHAMPOLLION (M.M.) for S'hai.
Jan.	
5	SURAT (P. & O.) for Shanghai.
7	SIRDHANA (B.I.) for Amoy, S'hai.
20	SHIRALA (B.I.) for Amoy and Japan

EUROPE

Nov.	
26	CARTHAGE (P. & O.) for U.K.
28	NIKOBAR (E. Asiatic) for Europe.
Dec.	
4	BRYNJE (Gilman) for Europe.
4	TOULOUSE (Thoresen) for Europe.
10	BENARES (Gilman) for Europe.
15	GLENARTNEY (Jardine) for U.K.
15	KOREA (E.A. Co.) for U.K.
Mid.	BENARTY (Loxley) for U.K.
Mid.	MOLENKIRK (R.I.L.) for U.K.
18	SARPEDON (B. & S.) for U.K.
21	GRONLAND (M.M.) for Marseilles.
23	SOUDAN (P. & O.) for London.
End.	BENNEVIS (Loxley) for U.K.
End.	GLENOGLE (Jardine) for U.K.
Jan.	
Dec.	CHAMPOLLION (M.M.) for Marseilles.
1st wk.	AGAPENOR (B. & S.) for U.K.
Mid.	BENVRACKIE (Loxley) for U.K.
Mid.	MEERKERK (R.I.L.) for Europe.
Mid.	SURAT (P. & O.) for London.
16	OLUF MAERSK (Gilman) for Europe
21	CANTON (P. & O.) for London.
End.	BENLOMOND (Loxley) for U.K.
End.	MALACCA (E.A.C.) for Europe.
Feb.	
Mid.	TONGHAI (Gilman) for Europe.
18	CARTHAGE (P. & O.) for Europe, Straits, India.
Mar.	
14	CORFU (P. & O.) for Europe, Straits, India.

INDIA

Nov.	
26	CARTHAGE (P. & O.) for Bombay.
27	KUTSANG (Jardine) for Calcutta.
Dec.	
5	NOREVERETT (Everett) for Bombay

JAPAN

Nov.	
30	POYANG (B. & S.) for Yokohama and Kobe.
Dec.	
6	MOLENKERK (R.I.L.) for Japan.
11	YUNAN (B. & S.) for Japan.
12	SANGOLA (B.I.) for Japan.
13	TREVANION (P. & O.) for Japan.
Jan.	
5	SURAT (P. & O.) for Japan.
7	SIRDHANA (B.I.) for Japan.
20	SHIRALA (B.I.) for Japan.

SOUTH-EAST PORTS

Nov.	
26	CARTHAGE (P. & O.) for Straits.
26	SHANSI (B. & S.) for Sandakan.
26	TJISADANE (R.I.L.) for Java Ports.
27	FENGTIEN (B. & S.) for Singapore.
27	HAI HSIA (C.M.S.N.) for Singapore.
27	HAI SIU (C.M.S.N.) for Bangkok.
27	HAI TAI (C.M.S.N.) for Haiphong.
27	TASMAN (R.I.L.) for Manila.
28	KWEIYANG (B. & S.) for Saigon, Singapore.
30	DRIS (Thoresen) for Bangkok.
30	KUTSANG (Jardine) for Straits and Calcutta.
30	NEWCHANG (B. & S.) for Bangkok.
End.	TALISMAN (Dodwell) for Manila.
Dec.	
1	ST. MICHAEL (M.M.) for Saigon.
1	STAGHOUND (U.S.L.) for Manila.
2	HAILEE (Thoresen) for Singapore.
3	SINKIANG (B. & S.) for Singapore.
4	HINSANG (Jardine) for Sandakan.
4	VAN RIEMSDYK (R.I.L.) for Straits.
5	NOREVERETT (Everett) for S'pore
7	BALUCHISTAN (Jardine) for Manila
8	TASMAN (R.I.L.) for Java Ports.
9	GREEN BAY VICTORY (U.S.L.) for Manila.
11	EASTERN (E. & A.) for Manila.
12	LENEVERETT (Everett) for Manila.
13	CHAKSANG (Jardine) for Straits and Calcutta.
13	RESOLUTE (U.S.L.) for Manila.
15	GLENAIRTNEY (Jardine) for Straits.
Mid.	MOLENKIRK (R.I.L.) for Straits.
23	SOUDAN (P. & O.) for Straits.
23	TJITJALENGKA (R.I.L.) for Java Ports.
27	EASTERN SAGA (Jardine) for Straits.
End.	GLENOGLE (Jardine) for Straits.
Jan.	
12	SANGOLA (B.I.) for Straits, Calcutta
Mid.	MEERKERK (R.I.L.) for Manila and Straits.
Mid.	SURAT (P. & O.) for Straits and Colombo.
21	CANTON (P. & O.) for Straits.
25.	SIRDHANA (B.I.) for Straits.
Feb.	
8	TJIBADAK (R.I.L.) for Java Ports.
18	SHIRALA (B.I.) for Straits.

SOUTH AMERICA

Dec.	
18	TJIKAMPEK (R.I.L.) for S. America
Jan.	
11	TEGELBERG (R.I.L.) for S. America
Feb.	
15	RUYS (R.I.L.) for S. America.
Mar.	
15	STRAAT MALAKKA (R.I.L.) for S. America.

VANCOUVER

Dec.	
5	CASTLEVILLE (Bank) for Vancouver.

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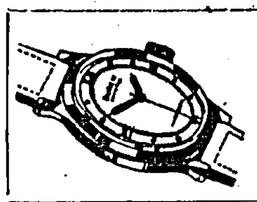
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ARMY-KCC ENCOUNTER BEST PICK TOMORROW

(By "MID ON")

With the interport matches against the Combined Malayan Services now a thing of the past, interest reverts to League cricket and once again a full programme of League matches is to be played tomorrow.

Best match on the card promises to be the one between the Army and Kowloon CC and though the former will have the advantage of playing on their own wicket, they will have to be at their best to beat Kowloon.

Robbie Lee, the QCC captain, will perhaps have to do bear the brunt of the bowling, with Francis Zimmern pegging away at the other end, but the Sookunpoo wicket will, I think, be better suited to Lee.

What Kowloon really needs is a good left-handed bowler, preferrably a slow one, to contrast the fast and medium-fast bowling of Zimmern and Lee.

I have not seen the Army team up to the time of writing but I rather take it that it will be more or less the same as the side that has done duty for them thus far this season.

If Kowloon bats first it will be a question of whether their bowlers will be able to get the soldiers out in time, otherwise I feel that their batting is strong enough to knock off the runs needed for victory.

Indians Should Win

Indian RC will be at home to Craigengower CC and should win.

If A R Abbas wins the toss, he will do well to put the visiting team in to bat because apart from John Arculli and A.K. Ismail, I feel they do not have bowling strong enough to get the other side out in time.

A.H. Meclar and Abbas hi-ase I can both be depended upon to send down some decent bowling, but they are not the type to get quick wickets, though on their day both are hard enough to score off.

George Souza, who took over the captaincy from Hong Choy last week, is, to my mind, the batsman who is most likely to make a big score off the IRC attack.

"Optimists" Favoured

Club "Optimists" will be at home to the University who, though a good enough side, will probably not be able to obtain a point at best. Kilbee, who batted well against Malaya, should be good for another big score, and all things considered, I predict another win for the home team.

At King's Park Club "Scorpions" take on the Navy and here again I predict a win for the Club side. Stokes is batting so well at the moment that it will not surprise me to see another big score from his bat and Howarth will probably be in amongst the wickets again.

The Senior Service team are an uncertain lot but with so many ships in port at the moment, they may be able to field a team good enough to upset the apple cart for "Scorpions."

Kowloon seconds take on the Army at Cox's Path. They should just about take full points though they depend, perhaps, too much on a few batsmen to get the runs for them. Stewart Gray, however, is an experienced captain and handles his bowling judiciously.

RAF visit Recreio juniors and from what I saw of their form in their match against Indian RC a couple of weeks back, my money will be on the Airmen, though Alves and his men can be depended upon to give them a good run for their money.

Sunday's Game

In an all-day match at Chater Road on Sunday, Club "Occasionals," captained by former Interporter C.D. Wales take on the Air Force. The Club team will include such tried warriors as Wales himself, Ride, Howarth and D. McLellan and although at the moment I do not have the Air Force team, I confidently expect a good game.

These holiday matches are invariably more enjoyable than the more serious League affairs and one always see a better type of cricket here.

Final Of Mixed Doubles

Playing in the final of the Mixed Doubles championship of the Colony at the Ladies' Recreation Club yesterday, Miss Kent and Tsui Yun-pui beat Mrs. Litton and Tsui Wai-pui by 6-3, 7-5.

TODAY'S GAME

HANDICAP MEN'S DOUBLES

4.30 p.m.—P. Bonnerman and S. Baule v Dr. Ramler and A.R. Pollak.

Good Rugby Programme This Week

(By "TOUCH-JUDGE")

Spectators at the Club Ground on Saturday should be assured of an entertaining afternoon's rugger. At 3.15 p.m. two Services sides are playing, followed by Club "Over 28's" vs Club "Under 28's".

The Services have produced two well balanced sides from which Navy will, no doubt, be hoping to find the answer to a number of their team building problems, especially from HMS London, one of whose players, Lloyd, was an outstanding back during last season.

Few of the regular Army and Navy XV players are in the teams which should give the newcomers every chance to show their paces.

The Inter-Club game should also prove of value to the Club Committee who, I am convinced, have not yet produced their best available team. It is perhaps a sign of the times that seven members of the "Over 28's" team are regular members of Club 1st XV.

However, until the younger members show more fire and, I may venture to say, put in some harder training, they are unlikely to displace the veterans, a number of whom were regular members of the side 10 years ago.

Forward, both teams are very equally matched and a grand battle should be witnessed between experience and youth with, I should think, the "Over 28's" having the advantage. Behind the scrum there should be little in it although, if anything, the "Under 28's" have the advantage in speed.

The following are the teams:—

"Under 28's":—Sclater, Robertson, Chevreau, Franklyn, Orchard, Bluck, Lochlan, Meffan, Popham, Wyatt, Brown, Douglas, Fitzroy-Williams, Farquaharson, Warne.

"Over 28's":—Laidlaw, Allwright, Small, Cessford, Morgan, Henderson, J. Henderson, Baker, Robson, Johnston, Minto, Bowman, Carrel, Cowley, Forsgate.

Combined Services Rugby Teams

The following are the Combined Services Rugby teams which will be seen in action on the Club Ground tomorrow at 3.15 p.m.

Red: Capt. Jones RADC, Sgm. Flynn (Tamar), Sub. Lt. Kidd (Black Swan), Lt. Lloyd (London) (Captain), Lt. (E) Spencer (London), E.R.A. Roalf (Cossack), A. C. Cook RAF, A. B. Evans (Black Swan), Lt. Cawardine, RASC, Lt. Smith, RAOC. L.S.A. Annadale (London), Cpl. Scully (London), Sjt. Newton, 35 Fd. Regt. RA. Cpl. Jones RAF, A. B. Heiller (Hart).

Red and Black: Cpl. Bunks (Buffs), Lt. Brigstock (Buffs), Pte. Buck (Buffs), AB Carter (Cossack), Lt. (E) Vivian (Cossack), Pte. Driscoll (Buffs), Sgm. Rundle (Tamar), S. P. O. Payne (Tamar), Lt. (E) Hall (London), L/C John (Buffs), Pte. Houghton (Buffs), Sjt. Mills (Buffs), Lt. Spanfie (Buffs), (Captain) L. S. A. Quinn (Tamar), E. R. A. Hall (Hart).

Referee: Comd. Dalglish, RN.

CLUB TEAMS FOR TOMORROW

The following will represent the Club 1st XI in the soccer match against Royal Navy at Causeway Bay tomorrow, kick-off 4 p.m.

Mackenzie, Leek, Strange; Ritchie, Fowler, Beck, Mackenzie, Weller, Nelson, Kiernan and Bickford.

The following will represent Club 2nd XI in this soccer match against Kit Chee at Caroline Hill tomorrow, kick-off 2.30 p.m.

Catton, Taylor, McAdam, Gibson, Locke, Onsager, Barclay, Baker, Fairbairn, Barker and Slight.

Badminton Results

The following are the results of the Colony Junior Division League matches played last Wednesday:

Section I

University beat Kowloon Tong "A" 6-3.

Chew Kin-seng and Ow Kheng Hock (University) beat M. C. Hung and C. H. Ngan 21-16, beat Lee Po and S. C. Chan 21-9, beat P. Wong and S. S. Leung 21-3. E. A. Stoner and Loo Chin-sun lost to M.C. Hung and C. H. Ngan 3-21, beat Lee Po and S. C. Chan 21-11, lost to P. Wong and G. H. Leung 17-21.

Choo Tien-hock and Lake Kok-kong beat M. C. Hung and C. H. Ngan 21-15, beat Lee Po and S. C. Chan 21-19, lost to P. Wong and S. H. Leung 12-21.

St. John's "A" lost to VRC "A" 2-7.

F.H. Kwok and R. Thompson (St. John) lost to W. C. Choy and H. A. Noronha 16-21, lost to A. Souza and F. Rozario 16-21, lost to M. Soares and A. C. Guterres 22-23.

D. Kwok and R. Maynard lost to W. C. Choy and H. A. Noronha 16-21, lost to A. Souza and F. Rozario 18-21, beat M. Soares and A. C. Guterres 23-20.

F. Fowler and E. Yourless lost to W. C. Choy and Noronha 11-21, lost to Souza and F. Rozario 5-21, beat Soares and Guterres 21-15.

Kowloon Dock lost to K.C.C. 3-6.

Section II

RAF lost to Chung Wah 0-9.

Kowloon Tong "B" beat St. Teresa's "B" 7-2.

Chinese YMCA, beat St. John's "B" 9-0.

VRC "B" lost to Recreio 1-8.

Tonight's Games

Senior Mixed Doubles Division

Chinese YMCA vs. Hong Kong University (to be played at the "Y" court)

KCC vs. Recreio.

Junior Mixed Doubles Division

Kowloon Dock vs. St. Teresa's A.

St. Teresa's "B" vs. Recreio.

Loyal Reds Get Reward

Prague, November 25.

Loyal Communist Party "Secretaries" will rule Czechoslovakia's industry from now on.

The Party's Central Committee has adopted a policy programme which means that Party delegates virtually will displace company directors in running industry in this Communist-dominated country.

President Klement Gottwald, as Chairman of the Party, called attention to the strength it had gained since it won the revolution last February.

Under mingled Soviet and Czechoslovak flags, he said he did not foresee any war soon, "but if one should come we will be on the winning side."—Associated Press.

NO DECISION ON FIGHT BROADCAST

London, November 24.

No decision has yet been reached on the question of broadcasting the Bruce Woodcock — Lee Savold heavyweight contest at Harringay Arena, North London, on December 6.

Jack Solomons, the promoter, is discussing the matter with Bill Daly, Savold's manager, and the British Broadcasting Corporation.

There will be a sound broadcast of the European middleweight eliminator between Dick Turpin, the British middleweight champion, and Tiberio Mitri of Italy from the Royal Albert Hall on November 29.—Reuter.

Dartford, November 24.

The £1,000 greyhound Treve Dell, stolen from the kennels at Ash, near Sevenoaks, before it was due to race at Southend on Monday night, has been returned.

The dog was found tied up in a coal-shed behind the house of a kennelman.—Reuter.

FINNEY OUT OF GAME

London, November 25.

Tom Finney, outside left for Preston North End, will be unable to play for England against Switzerland on December 1, because of a pulled thigh muscle.

The injury kept him out of the last international soccer match with Denmark in September. Finney was hurt again in a match last Saturday.

Hancocks, of Wolverhampton Wanderers, is to deputise for Finney.

Hancocks usually plays at outside right but will appear in Finney's position at outside left.—Associated Press and Reuter.

Berlin Musician

Standing at the edge of a street in Berlin, this aged musician plays his home-made violin in the hope of an occasional coin from a passer-by to add to his small social pension he receives from the City Magistrate's Welfare Office.—(AP Photo).

"Grand National Night" Premiere Successful

(By KIMBERLEY)

"Grand National Night," by Dorothy and Campbell Christie, tells of an almost saintly but shamefully neglected husband; his neurotic, liquor-soddened wife; clandestine loves, and finally, tragedy.

This touches off the ripples to the plot of a light, entertaining, but otherwise dramatically mediocre detective tale.

The second-of-the-season Stage Club effort, by Peter Gregory celebrated its premiere last night at the China Fleet Club Theatre where a fully satisfied audience gave it the applause it deserved.

More than any other member of the Stage Club, this must have been a triumph for Peter Gregory who, in presenting this play, was taking hold of the reins of directing for the first time. Needless to say, the result is encouraging.

On the night of the Grand National, Gerald Coates and his "spirited" wife are discovered in a domestic scene.

Immediately, one is moved to sympathise with Gerald Coates (well portrayed by Henry Jones), against his wife Babs (Philippa Coombes): and one sighs with satisfaction when, at the end of that scene, "the wicked witch is dead."

No Mystery

The authors make no attempt whatsoever to make a mystery of Bab's death. So much so that early in the play Coates tells Joyce Penrose (Sylvia Small)—into whose heart he has been driver,—of all the happenings on Grand National Night.

Coates is now faced with the accusation of murder. From there on the play unfolds, and one's interest is held by a series of logical deductions, and suspense is provided as each member of the cast unknowingly testifies, tightening the noose round the culprit's neck.

As the unhappy Coates, Henry Jones is cool, calm and overabundantly patient. Too much so in fact; for at times he is apt to regard Sylvia Small, as Joyce Penrose, his lover, with fatherly affections rather than with the passionate ardour that usually attends such situations.

Sylvia Small has a good deal of acting to do and it is very true to say that of the three times she has stepped on to the stage, this is her best performance yet.

Upon Philippa Coombes falls the job of a dual role. She plays the despicable Babs and then her amiable twin sister, Prinkie Collins, with equal efficacy.

Clifford Davies and Reinaldo Oblitas, two of the most valuable members of the Stage Club are seen this time in minor parts the former as a jovial legal advisor to Coates and the latter as the ever faithful servant of the protagonist.

That they fulfil their roles as can be expected, is not as important as the fact that two such fine actors as they should so happily fit into parts that some less gifted enthusiast would pass over.

Berkely Pearce's Inspector Alying has the full mannerisms of the traditional officer of the Law but errs frequently in anticipation of cues. His aid, Sergeant Gibson is played by John Randall; and Jack Winkler, as Buns Darling, completes the cast.

"Grand National Night" is a straight murder-solving play with few occasions for heavy drama and less still for corny slapstick. It asks the audience to be a judge of morals without requiring it to think too deeply. In other words if you like not too difficult crossword puzzles, you will find your evening well spent.

TEACHERS ON MASS STRIKE

Shanghai, November 25.

Hundreds and thousands of students were idle today.

Teachers of hundreds of private established elementary schools in Shanghai asked for a mass leave of absence, demanding better pay. The authorities, meanwhile, are mediating.

Six fresh labour quarrels came to light in the past 24 hours and are awaiting mediation by the Bureau of Social Affairs.

While customs workers are reported to have called off their sit-down strike from today, more than 100 dockyard workers of the Whangpoo River Conservancy Board of the Customs Administration are sitting firm on their request for a certain rice ration and a loan equal to one month's pay.—Reuter.

FOX INTERESTED IN TELEVISION

New York, November 25.

Twentieth Century Fox Film Corporation disclosed today that it is negotiating for purchase of the American Broadcasting Company. The deal has not yet been closed, however, ABC officials declined to comment.

Purchase of ABC would give the film company an immediate share in television as well as radio.—Associated Press.

Paris, November 24.

My Love, winner of the Epsom Derby and Grand Prix this year, has finished his racing career, and will now retire to stud, according to his Chantilly trainer, Richard Carver.—Reuter.

Britain's Challenge For Walker Cup Pleases

London, November 25.

The news that Britain will challenge for the Walker Cup next year has pleased British golfers who realise the value of international sporting encounters, which are all for the good of the game, no matter what form they take.

The rank and file of British golf can take credit for the fact that the match will be played next year, a comment which may demand a little investigation.

It will be recalled that Britain, for the first time since the biennial golf match of pre-war days was first played in 1922, won at St. Andrew's in 1938. Then came the war before they could cross the Atlantic in defence of the trophy.

By rights they should have travelled when the encounter was resumed after the war, but finance or the lack of it reared its ugly head and there was little chance of a revival of the match in 1947.

America, however, keen to get the game started once more, decided to waive such rights and they themselves visited Britain, out of turn, and proceeded to regain the Walker Cup at St. Andrew's in 1947.

Clubs Respond

Now the question arose as to what would happen two years later—1949. The match now revived and with the old rule that it should be played in alternate years unaltered, had been started and Britain could not very well expect the American team to travel again and yet their financial position hardly justified a hurried decision to set by a matter of five or six thousand sterling to defray the expenses of a British team visiting America.

So the Royal and Ancient Club, the ruling body of British golf, turned to the clubs and asked them to agree to a scheme whereby clubs would subscribe a sum equivalent to the annual subscription of one member.

The response was so good that the Royal and Ancient Club has decided that they could proceed with the Walker Cup match and a Dominion tour, which was a proposed pre-war programme that, because of the financial situation, threatened to collapse in the post-war years.

A British golf team, therefore, will cross the Atlantic next year in a bid to win the trophy for the first time on American soil. The date and climate conditions may not be too much against the travellers because August 19 and 20 has been chosen as the dates and the course will be the Winged Foot Club's at Mamaroneck, just outside New York.—Reuter.

ICAO Meet Opens In New Delhi

London, November 25.

A South East Asia aviation meeting, called by the International Civil Aviation Organisation, opened in New Delhi yesterday.

A strong British delegation, including members from South East Asia, is attending. The South East Asian delegates include the representative of the RAF in South East Asia, the representatives of civil aviation in Singapore and Hong Kong and the Civil Air Attache to the United Kingdom High Commissioner in India. Three advisers to the delegation are from Cable and Wireless, BOAC and International Air Radio.

The work of the meeting, as of other regional meetings of the International Civil Aviation, is to determine what the region needs in radio aids to navigation, in air traffic control, communications and rescue facilities in aerodromes and seaplane bases.

The meeting will also be called on to study the allotment of high frequency radio frequencies for aircraft use. There is a great shortage of high frequency channels and the International Tele-communications Union has asked the ICAO to prepare a plan for meeting the needs of international civil aviation for frequencies or wavelengths with the greatest possible economy.

Explosion In Lisbon

Lisbon, November 24.

At least 23 were killed, most of them women, and 44 injured today in a big explosion at a gunpowder factory at Amora, on the Southern bank of the River Tagus, opposite Lisbon.

About 100 labourers were working at the factory, which is a private concern, the Sociedade Portuguesa de Explosivos.

Rescue squads were tonight searching for more bodies in the debris. The factory was partly destroyed. Of the 23 victims so far counted, 16 were women. Two-thirds of the 100 workers at the factory were women.

The explosion was heard throughout Lisbon, causing great alarm.—Reuter.

International Mariners

Rosslare, Eire, November 25.

Three Poles, three Scots, an Englishman and an Irishman left Rosslare today in the 65-foot yacht, Rubicon, on a 4,000 mile trans-Atlantic crossing to Port of Spain, Trinidad.

In command of the expedition was a Pole, Captain Wagner, whose Scottish wife was the only woman on board.

The group has undertaken to deliver the Rubicon to its owner, who is in the West Indies and they have no fixed plans when they reach their destination.

The brother of the Irish member of the party, Mr. J. O'Sullivan, is Harbour Engineer at Port of Spain.

The Rubicon has an emergency oil engine but Captain Wagner planned to make the journey entirely under sail.

He said the boat might call at Lisbon and would proceed Southwards at the Azores.—Reuter.

U.S. CELEBRATES THANKSGIVING

New York: November 25.

Roast turkey will adorn the dinner table of every American family today.

People throughout the country will be celebrating the annual Thanksgiving Day, marking the first thanksgiving by the Pilgrims 327 years ago, after undergoing trails and privations of settling in the new country.

Turkey was eaten by the Pilgrims at their Thanksgiving and so has become the traditional Day meal.—Reuter.

London, November 24.

Fulham Football Club have signed Alfred Pope, 22-year-old centre forward much sought after by other League clubs.—Reuter.

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Golf Tourney Venue May Be Changed

London, November 24.

The British Amateur golf championship, which is due to take place on the Portharnock links near Dublin next May, came under discussion today and the venue may be changed.

The championship committee of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club issued no statement after a meeting today, apart from saying that another meeting will be held, but they are believed to have discussed the question of the championship in the light of Eire's move to repeal the External Relations Act.

Portharnock is in Eire and should they break entirely from Britain it would be equivalent to holding the British championship in a "foreign country."

Some leading golfers had questioned the advisability of holding the championship in Eire in view of the heavy cost of travelling.

The championship has never been held outside England and Scotland, who have accommodated it in alternate years.—Reuter.

Week-End Cricket XI's

The following have been chosen to represent Craigengower Cricket Club in their league match against Indian Recreation Club at Sookunpoo tomorrow at 1.45 p.m.

C.W. Lam, G. Hong Choy, S. Ramchand, G.A. Souza, P.J. Billimoria, T. Crabtree, A.H. Ismail, R.O. Baker, R. Tay, J.L. Youngsaye and S. Leonard.

Umpire: J.E. Mogra.

The following will represent Craigengower in a friendly match against Dockyard Recreation Club at King's Park on Sunday, November 28, at 1.30 p.m.

G. Hong Choy, S. Ramchand, T. Crabtree, H.P. Lim, A.H. Ismail, F. Woodler, S. Hollands, K.Y. Tam, R.R. Iranee, L.M. Souza, P.H. Vaswani and A. Kuruneru.

For their League match against Royal Navy at King's Park tomorrow, HKCC "Scorpions" will be represented as follows:—

T.A. Pearce, L.F. Stokes, D.H. Leach, O.J. Kerr, F. Howarth, K.J. Attwell, E.F. Gee, M. Harriman, A. Graham, A.F. Weir and A.N. Other.

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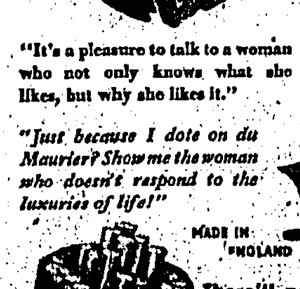

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